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### ***Town of Bellingham*** **Massachusetts**



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**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1944**

**SELECTMEN**

WALTER P. LEWINSKI, Chairman  
EDGAR WADE PAUL ROBIDOUX

**TOWN CLERK**

LEO A. GOSSELIN

**TOWN TREASURER**

LEO A. MURRAY

**TAX COLLECTOR**

LEO A. GOSSELIN

**TAX ASSESSORS**

CLARENCE W. HOYT, Chairman  
ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS FRANCIS P. DIGGINS

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

ROGER RUE, Chairman  
ROY E. ADAMS FRED J. WHALEN

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

ALBERT A. BOUDREAU, Chairman  
TIMOTHY E. FOLEY KATHRYN E. GARRIEPY  
LIONEL R. TRUDEAU and STEPHEN PETROSKY, JR. (in military service).

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN, Chairman  
WILLIAM F. GAUDETTE ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS

**TREE WARDEN**

SYLVIO DALPE

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

GEORGE R. MacMASTER JAMES W. YATES WILLIAM WALES

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

KATHRYN E. GARRIEPY ALICE LUSSIER MARY E. COOK  
KATHERINE B. WHALEN HELEN DOLAN HELENA HILTZ

**CONSTABLES**

FABIAN CHAMBERLAND  
ADAM J. KOZIMOR

FRANCIS J. MURPHY  
JOHN HOOTHAY

**MODERATOR**

WILLIAM W. FAIRBANKS

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1944**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN

**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

DAVID L. TUTTLE (pro tem)

MICHAEL PURICH

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

TIMOTHY E. FOLEY

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE

**DEPUTY CHIEFS OF POLICE**

JOHN HOOTHAY    CHESTER GASKILL    WILLIAM NAUGHTON

**CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WASYL KORNICKI

**DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

CARLTON GASKILL

**AGENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

LEO A. STEARNS

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

ANATOLE DEBIGARE

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

MICHAEL F. RYAN    HARLAND E. COOK    ARTHUR M. LECLAIRE



**INSPECTOR OF MILK**

GIFFORD MARTIN

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

GIFFORD MARTIN

**INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

GIFFORD MARTIN

**DOG OFFICER**

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

WASYL KORNICKI

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

SYLVIO DALPE

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT**

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN

**SEXTONS**

GEORGE McMASTER      JAMES YATES      WILLIAM WALES

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN	ERNEST BELCHER
RUEL THAYER	L. FRANCIS THAYER
DONALD VARNEY	LILLIAN ROLLINS
ROBERT HUNTER	THEODORE CARRIER

**POLICE OFFICERS**

LEOPOLD CAYA	FRANK ARNOLD
ROGER RUE	JOHN HOOTHAY
GEORGE TEBEAU	RAYNALD LAMARQUE
FRANCIS GAGNON	ANATOLE DEBIGARE
JOHN CALLAHAN	HERVE DEBIGARE
STANLEY KOLOSKI	HERENE POULIOT
OSCAR TRUDEAU	FRED WHELAN
WILLIAM SMITH	ADAM KOZIMOR
FABIAN CHAMBERLAND	FRANCIS MURPHY

### SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

ULRIC TRUDEAU  
CARLTON GASKILL

SAMUEL DERAGON  
JEREMIAH O'ROURKE

LEO DERAGON

### MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

MICHAEL SMITH

JOHN BOYLE

EDWARD REID

### BELLINGHAM JURY LIST

July 1944—July 1945

ADAMS, ROY, Machinist, Hartford Ave.  
AMBLER, HERBERT H., Wood-dealer, Mechanic St.  
BERGERON, EUGENE, Mechanic, Pulaski Blvd.  
BRENNAN, GEORGE, Textile-Worker, Hartford Ave.  
BALDIGA, STANLEY, Textile-Worker, Pearl St.  
BILODEAU, WILFRID, Foreman, Pulaski Blvd.  
CLANCY, JOHN J., Textile-Worker, Maple St.  
COTE, CHARLES, Grocer, Pulaski Blvd.  
COLLAMATI, ERNEST, Stock-clerk, Locust St.  
CROOKS, ELLSWORTH R., Lumber-dealer, Cross St.  
DEVENUTO, ANGELO, Cafe-proprietor, Mechanic St.  
DELANEY, CHARLES, Salesman, Pickering Ave.  
FLEUETTE, JOSEPH O., Dairyman, Pulaski Blvd.  
FOLEY, TIMOTHY E., Supt. of Streets, Hartford Ave.  
GAUDETTE, WILLIAM F., Foreman, Pulaski Blvd.  
GALIPEAU, ARMAND, Textile-Worker, Central Blvd.  
HEFFERNAN, THOMAS J., Textile-Worker, Maple St.  
KNIGHTS, FRANK, Retired, Mendon St.  
KNOTT, HAROLD, Foreman, So. Main St.  
LEWINSKI, WALTER P., Textile-Worker, Maple St.  
LEMOINE, JOSEPH, Textile-worker, Pine Grove Ave.  
LUSSIER, OMER, Manager, So. Main St.  
REMILLARD, ZEPHIRIN, Truck-Driver, Bellingham St.  
REMILLARD, JOSEPH, Textile-Worker, Pine Grove Ave.  
ROBIDOUX, PAUL, Carpenter, Wrentham St.  
MURPHY, MICHAEL, Textile-Worker, Maple St.  
SMITH, MICHAEL, Textile-Worker, Maple St.  
TRUDEAU, ADRIEN, Textile-Worker, Governor Ave.  
TEBEAU, GEORGE, Textile-Worker, Pearl St.  
PLEAU, EUGENE, Textile-Worker, Plain St.  
ST. GERMAIN, CLARENCE, Salesman, Mechanic St.  
WADE, EDGAR, Dairyman, So. Main St.  
YATES, JAMES, Laborer, No. Main St.  
CAYA, LEOPOLD, Truck-driver, Pulaski Blvd.  
KOZIMOR, Adam, Machinist, Governor Ave.



# REPORT

of the

## TOWN CLERK

including

Records of Town Meetings

Elections

Births, Marriages, Deaths

and other

Town Records

of the

Town of Bellingham

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1944

## TOWN WARRANT

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham:      Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, on

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1944

for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town officers:

MODERATOR, for a term of one year.

TOWN CLERK, for a term of one year.

TOWN TREASURER, for a term of one year.

THREE SELECTMEN, for a term of one year.

ASSESSOR OF TAXES, for a term of three years.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, for a term of one year.

WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years.

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, for a term of three years.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

TREE WARDEN, for a term of one year.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

FOUR CONSTABLES, for a term of one year.

TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES, for a term of three years.

ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for a term of one year.

(to fill unexpired term)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of two years.

(to fill unexpired term)

POLLS WILL OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

### SUBSEQUENT MEETING

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1944

at 8:00 P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:



**ARTICLE 1.** To vote appropriations for the following purposes, or act to do anything in relation thereto:

Item 1. Moderator's Salary. Item 2. Finance Committee. Item 3. Selectmen's Department. Item 4. Accountant's Department. Item 5. Treasurer's Department. Item 6. Tax Collector's Department. Item 7. Assessors' Department. Item 8. Certifying Notes. Item 9. Town Clerk's Department. Item 10. Election and Registrations. Item 11. Town Hall. Item 12. Community Buildings (2). Item 13. Police Department. Item 14. Fire Department. Item 15. Sealer of Weights and Measures. Item 16. Moth Extermination. Item 17. Tree Warden. Item 18. Forest Fires. Item 19. Health Department. Item 20. Maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital. Item 21. Highways, Chapter 81. Item 22. Bridges and Railings. Item 23. Snow Removal. Item 24. Signs and Guide Posts. Item 25. Street Lighting. Item 26. Public Welfare. Item 27. Aid to Dependent Children. Item 28. Old Age Assistance. Item 29. Soldiers' Relief. Item 30. School Department. Item 31. Library. Item 32. Printing Town Reports. Item 33. Memorial Day Committee. Item 34. Cemeteries. Item 35. Interest. Item 36. Reserve Fund. Item 37. Maturing Debt. Item 38. Damage to Persons and Property. Item 39. Highways, Chapter 90. Item 40. Legal Department. Item 41. Water Department. Item 42. Civilian Defense.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945 and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44. General Laws.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay bills incurred in prior years but not paid, or act, or do anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a cruiser car for the Police Department; and to authorize the Police Department to purchase said cruiser car, or act to do anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to sell lots 723 to 728 inclusive of Social Villa, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of installing outside insulation to the South School or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for upkeep of the gas stove in the Town Hall Kitchen or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen in 1945 to have the Town Reports printed two weeks before the Town Election or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this 14th day of February, A. D. 1944.

PAUL ROBIDOUX,  
JOHN J. CLANCY,  
WALTER W. LEBLANC,

Board of Selectmen.

A true Copy Attest:

FRANCIS MURPHY,  
Constable of Bellingham.

## TOWN ELECTION

March 6, 1944

### Collector of Taxes

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Leo A. Gosselin	132	113	478	723
Robert H. Hunter	113	97	154	364
Blanks	25	42	89	156
Totals	270	252	721	1243

### Selectmen (3)

John J. Clancy	113	94	338	545
Walter W. Leblanc	109	62	383	554
Walter P. Lewinski	138	187	320	645
Paul Robidoux	102	59	413	574
Arthur J. Trottier	131	127	292	550
Edgar Wade	160	140	269	569
Blanks	57	87	148	292
Totals	810	756	2163	3729



**Town Treasurer**

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Leo A. Murray	121	117	342	580
Michael Purich	127	104	336	567
Blanks	22	31	43	96
Totals	270	252	721	1243

**School Committee (2)**

Wilfred Arcand	57	50	163	270
Albert A. Boudreau	113	60	318	491
Kathryn E. Garriepy	142	134	220	496
Leo G. Levitre	85	80	196	361
Henri E. Trudeau	78	59	317	454
Blanks	65	121	228	414
Totals	540	504	1442	2486

**Moderator**

William W. Fairbanks	158	190	311	659
Otto J. Meotti	100	42	337	479
Blanks	12	20	73	105
Totals	270	252	721	1243

**Water Commissioner**

William F. Gaudette	139	92	382	613
Ovila Majeau	94	102	281	477
Blanks	37	58	58	153
Totals	270	252	721	1243

**Cemetery Committee**

Wilfred Arcand	69	65	247	381
William F. Wales	170	116	412	698
Blanks	31	71	62	164
Totals	270	252	721	1243

**Board of Public Welfare**

Harold W. Dahlstrom	122	118	217	457
Fred J. Whelan	110	105	332	547
Blanks	38	29	172	239
Totals	270	252	721	1243

**Constables (4)**

Fabian Chamberland	152	94	531	777
Anatole Debigare	89	88	258	435
John J. Hoothay	119	113	264	496
Stanley Koloski	99	130	230	459
Adam Kozimor	114	53	418	585
Raynald A. Lamarque	62	73	212	347
John F. Murphy	112	116	286	514
J. Ralph Nason	138	70	280	488
Blanks	195	271	405	871
Totals	1080	1008	2884	4972

<b>Town Clerk</b>				
Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Leo A. Gosselin	211	197	623	1031
Blanks	59	55	98	212
Totals	270	252	721	1243

<b>Assessor of Taxes</b>				
Clarence W. Hoyt	204	170	597	971
Blanks	66	82	124	272
Totals	270	252	721	1243

<b>Tree Warden</b>				
Sylvio Dalpe	205	159	611	975
Blanks	65	93	110	268
Totals	270	252	721	1243

<b>Cemetery Committee (to fill unexpired term)</b>				
James A. Yates	196	156	476	828
Blanks	74	96	245	415
Totals	270	252	721	1243

<b>Public Library Trustee (to fill unexpired term)</b>				
Helen M. Dolan	167	170	455	792
Blanks	103	82	266	451
Totals	270	252	721	1243

<b>Public Library Trustees (2)</b>				
Kathryn E. Garriepy	188	158	455	801
Helena I. Hiltz	198	134	428	760
Blanks	154	212	559	925
Totals	540	504	1442	2486

Total Vote:

Precinct No. 1:	270
Precinct No. 2:	252
Precinct No. 3:	721
Total	1243

## RECOUNT OF VOTES

March 13, 1944

<b>Town Treasurer</b>				
Leo A. Murray	122	116	342	580
Michael Purich	127	103	336	566
Blanks	21	33	43	97
Totals	270	252	721	1243

<b>Selectmen</b>				
John J. Clancy	113	94	339	546
Walter W. Leblanc	109	62	386	557
Walter P. Lewinski	138	186	320	644
Paul Robidoux	102	59	414	575



Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Arthur J. Trottier	131	127	292	550
Edgar Wade	160	140	269	569
Blanks	57	88	143	288
Totals	810	756	2163	3729

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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**March 10, 1944**

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Agreeable to the foregoing warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on February 14, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall on March 10, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant.

### ARTICLE 1.

Item 1. On motion of Warren E. Whiting, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for Moderator's Salary.

Item 2. On motion of Harland E. Cook, duly seconded, it was voted that no appropriation be voted for the Finance Committee.

Item 3. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Selectmen's Department; the salary of the Chairman to be \$150.00 per year, and the salary of each of the other two members to be \$100.00 per year.

Item 4. On motion of Walter W. Leblanc, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Accountant's Department; salary of the Accountant to be \$500.00 per year.

Item 5. On motion of Joseph O. Fleurette, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 for the Treasurer's Department; the salary of the Treasurer to be \$500.00 per year.

Item 6. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1650.00 for the Tax Collector's Department; the salary of the Tax Collector to be \$1000.00 per year.

Item 7. On motion of Ellsworth R. Crooks, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1950.00 for the Assessors' Department; the salary of each Assessor to be \$6.00 per day worked, salary of each Assessor not to exceed \$480.00 per year.

Item 8. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for Certifying Notes.

Item 9. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the Town Clerk's Department; the salary of the Town Clerk to be \$400.00 per year.

Item 10. On motion of Walter D. Richard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for Elections and Registration.

Item 11. On motion of Paul Robidoux, as amended by Donat Laplante, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the Town Hall.

Item 12. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the North Bellingham Community Building, and the sum of \$700.00 for the South Bellingham Community Building.

Item 13. On motion of Euclide Fleurette, as amended by Donat Laplante, and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3100.00 for the Police Department.

Item 14. On motion of Walter W. Leblanc, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the Fire Department; salary of the Fire Chief to be \$500.00 per year.

Item 15. On motion of Roger Rue, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Item 16. On motion of Walter W. Leblanc, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Moth Extermination.



Item 17. On motion of John J. Clancy, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Tree Warden.

Item 18. On motion of Leo G. Levitre, as amended by Paul Robidoux and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1700.00 for Forest Fires; salary of Forest Fire Warden to be \$300.00 per year.

Item 19. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for Health.

Item 20. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$988.59 for Maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital.

Item 21. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5104.00 for Highways, General Repairs, said sum to be used in conjunction with State Funds under Chapter 81.

Item 22. On motion of John J. Clancy, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for Bridges and Railings.

Item 23. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted that no appropriation be voted for Snow Removal; and that the Moderator be directed to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the Snow Removal account, said committee to report at a subsequent special town meeting.

Item 24. On motion of John J. Clancy, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Signs and Guideboards.

Item 25. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2800.00 for Street Lighting.

Item 26. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for Public Welfare; the salary of the Chairman to be \$75.00 per year, and the salary of each of the other two members to be \$50.00 per year.

Item 27. On motion of Joseph O. Fleurette, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Aid to Dependent Children

Item 28. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, as amended by Leo G. Levitre, and Herbert H. Ambler, and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for Old Age Assistance; and that the Moderator be directed to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the Bureau of Old Age Assistance, said committee to report at a subsequent special town meeting.

Item 29. On motion of Otto J. Meotti, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for Soldiers' Relief

Item 30. On motion of Albert A. Boudreau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,000.00 for the School Department.

Item 31. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$770.12 for the Library Department; said sum to be raised as follows: \$175.00 by taxation, and \$595.12 by transfer from the funds received from the County on account of dog licenses.

Item 32. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$380.85 for Printing of Town Reports; and on amendment by David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to direct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the reports of the Town Officers for the year 1943, said committee to report at a subsequent special town meeting.

Item 33. On motion of John J. Clancy, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Memorial Day Committee.

Item 34. On motion of James A. Yates, as amended by Edwin F. Tuttle and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Center Cemetery; the sum of \$100.00 for the North Cemetery; and the sum of \$100.00 for the South Cemetery.

Item 35. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8250.00 for interest.

Item 36. On motion of Walter W. Leblanc, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Reserve Fund.

Item 37. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for Maturing Debt.



Item 38. On motion of John J. Clancy, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Damages to Persons and Property.

Item 39. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for Highways Maintenance said sum to be used in conjunction with State and County funds under Chapter 90.

Item 40. On motion of Walter D. Richard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Legal Department.

Item 41. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6000.00 for the Water Department; the salaries of the Water Commissioners to be as follows: Chairman at \$40.00 per year, and each of the other two members at \$35.00 per year; and the Water Commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint one of their own members as Clerk, at a salary not to exceed \$175.00 per year; and also to appoint one of their own members as Collector of water bills, at a salary not to exceed \$150.00 per year.

Item 42. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Civilian Defense.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Leo A. Murray, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. VOTE: YES: 93; NO: 0.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000.00 to pay bills incurred in prior years and unpaid.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Euclide Fleurette, duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 for the purchase and operation of a criuser car for the Police Department, the motion did not carry and was lost.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Leo A. Murray, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell Lots 723 to 728 inclusive, of Social Villa.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to lay this article on the table, and to direct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five members, to be composed of a plumber, carpenter, painter, a person from the Center, and a person from the North, to investigate the South School situation, said committee to report at a subsequent special town meeting; and the following persons were appointed immediately by the Moderator: Paul Robidoux, Henry Guerin, Napoleon Lataille, Harland Brown, and Fidel Leblanc.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Christine M. Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the upkeep of the gas stove in the Town Hall kitchen.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of George Berardi, duly seconded, it was voted to instruct and direct the Board of Selectmen to make the Town Reports available two weeks before the date of election, at the following places: Caryville Post-Office, North Bellingham Post-Office, Bellingham Center Post-Office, and three business places in South Bellingham; and that the sum of \$50.00 be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 11:10 P. M.

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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**April 14, 1944**

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In accordance with the warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on April 3, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall on Friday, April 14, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the Town Hall

and Town Barn account; and that the acts of the Board of Selectmen from January 1, 1944, to March 6, 1944, in incurring bills and authorizing payment of said bills, in connection with the heating system of the Town Hall and Town Barn, be and hereby are approved, confirmed and ratified, in view of the extreme emergency existing at the time in the Fire Department conditions.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Joseph O. Fleurette, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$450.00 for the South Bellingham Community Building.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$500.00 for the Reserve Fund of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting to investigate the South School conditions, and to refer the said report to the Finance Committee for further study.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Donat Laplante, as amended by Paul Robidoux, and duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article, pending further study by the Finance Committee, and to instruct the Selectmen to insert a similar article in the warrant for the next special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the Machinery Account.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 9:30 P. M.

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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May 1, 1944

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In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on April 17, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on May 1, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by the Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.



On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant.

Article 1. On motion of Warren E. Whiting, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 for repairing the South School; the money to be spent under the direction of the School Department, but the bids for the work shall be approved by the Finance Committee; this sum to be raised \$2500.00 by taxation and \$2500.00 by transfer from the School Appropriation made March, 1944.

Article 2. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

Article 3. On motion of Arthur W. Curtis, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2029.87 for the payment of unpaid bills of 1941, 1942, and 1943.

Article 4. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Snow Removal; said sum to be used to pay the unpaid hired trucks and the cost of removing and erecting the snow fences.

On motion of Arthur W. Curtis, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 9:00 P. M.

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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**June 5, 1944**

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In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on May 26, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall on June 5, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

Article 1. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the following sums of money for the following departments: Forest Fires: \$2000.00; Town Counsel: \$100.00; and Highways: \$150.00; said total sum of \$2250.00 to be raised by transfer from the receipts received from the sale of the gasoline shovel.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 8:15 P.M.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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**September 5, 1944**

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In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on August 28, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 5, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

Article 1. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$4000.00 for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to meet the expense for which reimbursement is to be made to the Town by the Department of Public Works or the County Commissioners, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year from their dates as provided for in Section 6A of Chapter 44, General Laws; and any debt or debts incurred under this article shall be discharged by the proceeds of such reimbursement.

Article 2. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a used Ford Truck.

On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 8:05 P. M.

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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**November 6, 1944**

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In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on October 30, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, November 6, 1944, and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

Article 1. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the following sums of money for the follow-

ing departments: Old Age Assistance: \$3000; Public Welfare: \$500; Forest Fires: \$1,000; Police Department: \$400; Traffic Paint: \$150; Snow Removal: \$500; Unpaid Bills of the Welfare Department: \$500; Highways: \$4000; said sums of money to be raised by transfer from Surplus Revenue. The record vote on said motion was: Yes: 15; No: 0.

Article 2. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$1100 from the Highway Machinery Revenue Account to the Highway Machinery Account.

On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 8:30 P.M.

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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**December 28, 1944**

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In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on Dec. 18, 1944, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Thursday, December 28, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

In the absence of Moderator William W. Fairbanks, the meeting appointed Francis G. Locklin as Moderator pro tem: meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M., followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the following sums of money for the following departments: Selectmen, \$100.00; Town Hall, \$150.00; Street Lighting, \$100.00; Legal, \$15.00; Health, \$200.00; Unpaid Bills, \$40.00; Elections, \$80; and that the total sum of \$685.00 be raised by transfer from available funds, namely Interest.

On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 8:30 P. M.



**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY****April 25, 1944****DEMOCRATIC VOTE**

Precinct No. 1: 5

Precinct No. 2: 4

Precinct No. 3: 21

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 Total 30
**Delegates at Large to National Convention (12)**

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
David I. Walsh	3	4	5	12
William J. Foley	3	4	4	11
Joseph H. Casey	4	4	3	11
James M. Curley	2	4	3	9
William H. Burke	3	4	3	10
Frank W. Tomasello	3	4	3	10
John W. McCormack	3	4	3	10
Maurice J. Tobin	4	4	3	11
Joseph B. Ely	2	4	4	10
Margaret M. O'Riordan	4	4	3	11
Charles F. Hurley	3	4	3	10
Mathias LaPierre	3	4	5	12
Blanks	23	0	210	233
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Totals	60	48	252	360

**Alternate Delegates at Large to National Convention (12)**

Elizabeth L. McNamara	3	3	2	8
John Zielinski	3	3	3	9
Joseph K. Zamaitis	3	3	3	9
Joseph M. McDonough	3	3	2	8
Samuel Michelman	3	3	2	8
Charles Kaplan	3	3	2	8
Mary Maliotis	3	3	2	8
Paul V. McDonough	3	3	2	8
Clementina Lagone	3	3	2	8
Silas F. Taylor	3	3	2	8
Bernard J. Killion	3	3	2	8
Catherine E. Hanifin	4	3	2	9
Blanks	23	12	226	261
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Totals	60	48	252	360

**District Delegates to National Convention (4)**

William P. Grant	3	4	3	10
John W. McIntyre	3	4	3	10

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Mary I. Murphy	3	4	3	10
Edmond P. Talbot	3	4	4	11
Blanks	8		71	79
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Totals	20	16	84	120

#### Alternate District Delegates to National Convention (4)

Francis J. Carreiro	3	3	2	8
Clifford C. Hubbard	3	3	2	8
John S. McKowen	3	3	2	8
Leo H. Berube	3	3	4	10
Blanks	8	4	74	86
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Totals	20	16	84	120

#### State Committee (Man)

Blanks	5	4	21	30
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Totals	5	4	21	30

#### State Committee (Woman)

Blanks	5	4	21	30
Totals	5	4	21	30

#### Town Committee (20)

Leo A. Gosselin	4	3	21	28
Paul Robidoux	4	3	21	28
John J. Clancy	3	3	20	26
Walter W. Leblanc	4	3	21	28
Albert A. Boudreau	4	3	21	28
Sylvio Dalpe	4	3	21	28
Joseph O. Fleurette	4	3	21	28
Leo A. Murray	2	3	18	23
Michael J. Smith	4	0	21	25
Edwin F. Tuttle	4	3	20	27
Mathew Mooney	4	3	20	27
Clarence St. Germain	4	3	20	27
Peter Kwiatkowski	4	3	19	26
Walter P. Lewinski	3	3	21	27
Henry E. Trudeau	4	3	21	28
William F. Gaudette	4	3	21	28
Thomas J. Heffernan	2	3	20	25
Dennis F. Murphy	3	3	21	27
Fabian Chamberland	3	3	21	27
Roger Rue	4	3	21	28
Timothy E. Foley	0	3	0	3
Blanks	28	20	10	58
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Totals	100	80	420	600

# REPUBLICAN VOTE

## Delegates at Large to National Convention (7)

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Leverett Saltonstall	12	2	13	27
Joseph W. Martin, Jr.	12	2	12	26
Sinclair Weeks	11	2	11	24
Louise M. Williams	11	2	11	24
George B. Rowekl	11	2	11	24
Margaret A. Green	11	2	11	24
George F. Booth	11	2	11	24
Blanks	5	0	11	16
Totals	84	14	91	189

## Alternate Delegates at Large to National Convention (7)

Katherine G. Howard	11	2	9	22
Laurence Curtis	11	2	8	21
Doris M. A. Kundig	11	2	9	22
Rosa M. Lewis	11	2	9	22
Horace E. Handford	11	2	9	22
Carolyn L. Purcell	11	2	9	22
J. Edward Lajoie	11	2	8	21
Blanks	7	0	30	37
Totals	84	14	91	189

## District Delegates to National Convention (2)

Clarence A. Barnes	9	2	9	20
Edmund R. Dewing	9	2	9	20
Louis A. Sisca	0	0	0	0
Blanks	6	0	8	14
Totals	24	4	26	54

## Alternate District Delegates to National Convention (2)

Beatrice Hancock Mullaney	11	1	10	22
Edmund M. Murray	11	1	10	22
Blanks	2	2	6	10
Totals	24	4	26	54

## State Committee (Man)

Edward P. Wyeth	7	2	12	21
Blanks	5	0	1	6
Totals	12	2	13	27



## State Committee (Woman)

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Grace C. Buchanan	6	2	2	10
Ruth J. Leavitt	1	0	0	1
Blanks	5	0	11	16
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Totals	12	2	13	27

## Town Committee (35)

Aaron W. Habart	11	2	12	25
Esther W. Roberts	11	2	11	24
Herbert T. Hertz	11	2	10	23
William W. Fairbanks	11	2	11	24
Zella M. Chase	11	2	11	24
Christine M. Taylor	11	2	10	23
Dominic DiPietro	11	2	11	24
Arthur W. Curtis	11	2	11	24
Mabel A. Binks	11	2	10	23
Warren D. Bates	12	2	10	24
Maude E. Bates	11	2	11	24
Melvin O. Graves	11	2	13	26
Robert H. Hunter	11	2	10	23
Chester A. Gaskill	12	2	11	25
Letitia G. Knott	11	2	13	26
Arthur J. Trottier	11	2	11	24
Wilfred Boiteau	11	2	11	24
Anatole Debigare	11	2	11	24
Alfred Pouliot	11	2	11	24
Michael Purich	11	2	12	25
Donald A. Varney	11	2	12	25
David L. Tuttle	11	2	12	25
Warren E. Whiting	11	2	12	25
Edgar Wade	11	2	13	26
Charles H. Walmsley	11	2	11	24
Alice M. Berard	11	2	11	24
Rene R. Berard	11	2	11	24
Dolores E. Martel	11	2	11	24
Walter D. Richard	11	2	11	24
Joseph E. Allain	11	2	11	24
Estelle Marchand	11	2	12	25
Jeanne Martel Messier	11	2	12	25
Gertrude Worrall	11	2	11	24
Phyllis Rhodes	0	0	1	1
Blanks	31	0	57	88
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Totals	396	66	429	891

**TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTE:**

Precinct No. 1:	12
Precinct No. 2:	2
Precinct No. 3:	13
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Total	27

**STATE PRIMARY**

July 11, 1944

**DEMOCRATIC VOTE****TOTAL:**

Precinct No. 1:	16
Precinct No. 2:	19
Precinct No. 3:	50
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Total	85

**Governor**

Francis H. Hurley	3	6	29	38
Maurice J. Tobin	13	12	15	40
Blanks	0	1	6	7
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Lieutenant-Governor**

John B. Carr	2	5	9	16
Alfred P. Farese	3	1	2	6
Alexander F. Sullivan	7	4	5	16
John S. Sullivan	2	6	16	24
Blanks	2	3	18	23
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Secretary**

John M. Bresnahan	8	11	26	45
Margaret M. O'Riordan	5	4	7	16
Blanks	3	4	17	24
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Treasurer**

John E. Hurley	8	7	23	38
Francis C. McKenna	2	8	8	18

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Michael A. O'Leary	1	1	3	5
John F. Welch	2	0	4	6
Blanks	3	3	12	18
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Auditor**

Thomas J. Buckley	9	16	30	55
Blanks	7	3	20	30
Totals	16	19	50	85

**Attorney-General**

John H. Backus	1	1	8	10
Francis D. Harrigan	1	2	3	6
Francis E. Kelly	6	12	14	32
Joseph M. McDonough	7	2	6	15
Blanks	1	2	19	22
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Senator in Congress**

John H. Corcoran	4	10	13	27
Joseph A. Langone, Jr.	2	1	3	6
Joseph Lee	1	4	3	8
Richard M. Russell	6	2	10	18
Blanks	3	2	21	26
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Congressman**

Edmond P. Talbot	12	14	38	64
Blanks	4	5	12	21
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Councillor**

Blanks	16	19	50	85
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**Senator**

Leo A. Gosselin	14	17	48	79
Blanks	2	2	2	6
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**Representative**

Richard H. Kannally	4	4	11	19
William J. Munroe	11	10	26	47
Blanks	1	5	13	19
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Totals	16	19	50	85



**County Commissioners (2)**

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
George D. Cassidy	12	15	27	54
Blanks	20	23	73	116
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Totals	32	38	100	170

**Sheriff**

William N. Connolly	10	14	24	48
Blanks	6	5	26	37
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Totals	16	19	50	85

**County Commissioner (To Fill Vacancy)**

Blanks	16	19	50	85
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**REPUBLICAN VOTE****Governor**

Horace T. Cahill	44	19	34	97
Blanks	28	6	13	47
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Lieutenant Governor**

Robert F. Bradford	0	0	1	1
Jarvis Hunt	2	0	1	3
Rudolph F. King	67	25	42	134
Daniel E. McLean	0	0	0	0
William H. McMasters	1	0	0	1
Blanks	2	0	3	5
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Secretary**

Frederick W. Cook	56	21	41	118
Blanks	16	4	6	26
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Treasurer**

Fred J. Burrell	22	16	12	50
Laurence Curtis	35	5	28	68
Blanks	15	4	7	26
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Auditor**

Frank A. Goodwin	39	13	28	80
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Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Wallace E. Stearns	2	0	1	3
Russell A. Wood	18	9	15	42
Blanks	13	3	3	19
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Attorney-General**

Clarence A. Barnes	35	19	27	81
Charles Fairhurst	3	1	4	8
James E. Farley	15	2	10	27
Blanks	19	3	6	28
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Senator in Congress**

Leverett Saltonstall	61	22	41	124
Blanks	11	3	6	20
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Congressman**

Joseph William Martin Jr.	63	23	41	127
Blanks	9	2	6	17
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Councillor**

Frank A. Brooks	52	21	36	109
Blanks	20	4	11	35
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Senator**

Charles W. Olson	62	21	39	122
Blanks	10	4	8	22
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**Representative**

William G. Farmer	33	18	36	87
Frank D. McCarthy	29	2	1	32
Herbert D. Robinson	6	3	1	10
John H. White	1	0	2	3
Blanks	3	2	7	12
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**County Commissioners (2)**

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Russell T. Bates	45	20	34	99
Edward W. Hunt	43	17	24	84
Edmund M. Murray	16	3	10	29
Blanks	40	10	26	76
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Totals	144	50	94	288

**Sheriff**

Samuel H. Wragg	61	22	38	121
Blanks	11	3	9	23
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**County Commissioner**

Frederick A. Leavitt	59	22	38	119
Blanks	13	3	9	25
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Totals	72	25	47	144

**TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTE:**

Precinct No. 1: 72

Precinct No. 2: 25

Precinct No. 3: 47

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 Total 144
**STATE ELECTION**


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 November 7, 1944
 

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**President-Vice President**

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Dewey and Bricker (R)	189	89	290	568
Roosevelt and Truman (D)	160	189	528	877
Teichert and Albaugh (S)	0	1	1	2
Watson and Johnson (P)	0	0	0	0
Blanks	14	6	26	46
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Governor**

Horace T. Cahill (R)	153	80	209	442
Maurice J. Tobin (D)	197	200	607	1004
Henning A. Blomen (S)	0	1	2	3



Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Guy S. Williams (P)	0	0	0	0
Blanks	13	4	27	44
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Lieutenant-Governor**

Robert F. Bradford (R)	169	96	240	505
John B. Carr (D)	171	176	554	901
Alfred Erickson (P)	0	0	0	0
George L. McGlynn (S)	0	2	6	8
Blanks	23	11	45	79
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Secretary**

Frederic W. Cook (R)	197	106	270	573
Margaret M. O'Riordan (D)	139	163	522	824
Horace I. Hillis (S)	3	2	3	8
Blanks	24	14	50	88
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Treasurer**

Fred J. Burrell (R)	163	87	242	492
John E. Hurley (D)	174	184	549	907
Herbert Crabtree (S)	1	2	6	9
Earle L. Smith (P)	1	0	0	1
Blanks	24	12	48	84
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Auditor**

Thomas J. Buckley (D)	158	172	530	860
Frank A. Goodwin (R)	178	99	252	529
Gote Elvel Palmquist (S)	1	1	6	8
Charles E. Vauhan (P)				100
Blanks	25	13	57	95
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Attorney-General**

Clarence A. Barnes (R)	170	90	261	521
Francis E. Kelly (D)	164	181	527	872
Fred E. Oelcher (S)	1	1	5	7
Howard B. Rand (P)	2	0	0	2
Blanks	26	13	52	91
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Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Senator in Congress**

John H. Corcoran (D)	130	157	477	764
Leverett Saltonstall (R)	208	116	313	637
Bernard G. Kelly (S)	3	1	6	10
E. Talmadge Root (P)	2	0	0	2
Blanks	20	49	49	80
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Congressman (14th Congressional District)**

Joseph William Martin, Jr. (R)	191	105	297	593
Edmond P. Talbot (D)	150	160	502	812
Blanks	22	20	46	88
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Councillor (Third Councillor District)**

Frank R. Brooks (R)	223	125	416	764
Blanks	140	160	429	729
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Senator (Middlesex-Norfolk District)**

Leo A. Gosselin (D)	217	198	694	1109
Charles W. Olson (R)	132	74	131	337
Blanks	14	13	20	47
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Representative (8th Norfolk District)**

Frank D. McCarthy (R)	166	72	256	494
William J. Munroe (D)	170	194	526	890
Blanks	27	19	63	109
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**County Commissioners (2) (Norfolk County)**

Russell T. Bates (R)	172	91	298	561
George D. Cassidy (D)	165	183	542	890
Edward W. Hunt (R)	112	52	175	339
Blanks	277	244	675	1196
Totals	726	570	1690	2896

**Sheriff (Norfolk County)**

William N. Connolly (D)	182	190	582	954
Samuel E. Wragg (R)	150	75	202	427
Blanks	31	20	61	112
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**County Commissioner (Norfolk County)**

Frederick A. Leavitt (R)	233	129	421	783
Blanks	130	156	424	710
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Question No. 1 (Simplification of Referendums)**

Yes	134	88	218	440
No	20	23	41	84
Blanks	209	174	586	969
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Question No. 2 (Approval of Pardons)**

Yes	107	65	195	367
No	42	47	75	164
Blanks	214	173	575	962
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Question No. 3 (Annual Sessions)**

Yes	92	61	183	336
No	66	66	84	216
Blanks	205	158	578	941
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Question No. 4 (Absentee Voting)**

Yes	130	93	229	452
No	30	23	50	103
Blanks	203	169	566	938
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Question No. 5 ("Beano" Referendum)**

Yes	101	67	204	372
No	53	65	56	174
Blanks	209	153	585	947
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages**

Yes	189	137	386	712
No	51	52	65	168
Blanks	123	96	394	613
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493



**Sale of Beer and Wines**

Yes	179	140	384	703
No	49	44	51	144
Blanks	135	101	410	646
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**Package Stores**

Yes	180	141	382	703
No	51	45	57	153
Blanks	132	99	406	637
	—	—	—	—
Totals	363	285	845	1493

**1944 DOG LICENSES ISSUED FOR NORFOLK COUNTY**

229 Male	2.00	458.00
50 Spayed	2.00	100.00
22 Female	5.00	110.00
		—
Totals: 301 licenses		668.00
Less 301 fees at .20		60.20
		—
Paid County Treasurer:		607.80

**1944 LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES  
AND GAME**

166 Resident Fishing	2.00	332.00
60 Resident Hunting	2.00	120.00
59 Resident Sporting	3.25	191.75
44 Resident Minor-Female	1.25	55.00
5 Resident Trapping	5.25	26.25
2 Resident Minor Trapping	2.25	4.50
5 Non-Resident Minor Fishing	2.25	11.25
9 Non-Resident 3 day Fishing	1.50	13.50
117 Non-Resident Fishing	5.25	614.25
20 Non-Resident Hunting	10.25	205.00
5 Non-Resident Sporting	15.25	76.25
4 Duplicates	.50	2.00
1 Non-Resident Military	2.00	2.00
18 Free Resident Sporting		
1 Old Age Assistance (free)		
14 Free Resident Military		
Totals: 530 licenses		\$1,653.75
Less 493 fees at .25		123.25
		—
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$1,530.50

# **BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1944**

Date	Name	Parents
<b>January</b>		
9	Norman Walter Bacon	Leonard and Cecile (Champagne)
12	———— Laime	Alexander and Isabelle (Barbosa)
<b>February</b>		
6	Sandra Lee White	William and Bertha (Wallace)
14	Raymond Robert Trudel	Robert and Annette (Coutu)
18	Miriam Crowley	Alfred and Mary (Ward)
21	Normand Lemire	Edward and Laurea (Larochelle)
<b>March</b>		
5	John Lee You	George and Theresa (Pretto)
15	———— Dill	Richard and Dorothy (Loya)
23	Rachele Marguerite Fleurette	Joseph O. and Jeanne (Laferrriere)
31	Emile J. Vadeboncoeur, Jr.	Emile and Angela (Beauregard)
<b>April</b>		
1	Robert Stanley Rouleau	Louis and Anne (Mostek)
3	Daneil G. Chamberlain, Jr.	Daniel and Florence (Henderson)
5	Gilbert Rainville	Alpherie and Mae (Williams)
10	Virginia Ann Pleau	Vincent and Beulah (Pierce)
14	Constance Priscilla Godin	Willis and Gladys (Beaubien)
17	Deborah Matheson Fairbanks	William W. and Barbara (Glidden)
19	Harry B. Loya, Jr.	Harry and Rose (Drouin)
19	Dennis Wayne Phillips	John P. and Stasia (Adamski)
<b>May</b>		
16	Henry Frank Lemire	Henry and Viola (St. Amant)
16	Rene Emile Trudeau	Oscar and Jeannette (Plante)
19	Richard Walter Kornicki	Walter and Frances (Astuk)
29	Louis William Glockner	William and Gladys (Baldwin)
30	Raymond Mederic Lizotte	Mederic and Noella (Levasseur)
11	Constance Claudette Lussier	Albert and Anita (Roy)
<b>June</b>		
4	Stillborn	
12	———— Coutu	John and Louise (Wilde)
14	David Patrick O'Malley	Robert and Mary (Galuza)
19	Robert Edgar Garneau	Edgar and Annette (Forcier)
22	———— Lacroix	Lucien and Rita (Bouchard)
22	Roger Albert Paquin	Ephrem and Therese (Roy)

## July

1 Carol Ann Picard	Louis and Alice (Cartier)
13 ——— Redman	Joseph and Helen (Fitch)
28 Thomas Edward Desjarlais	Lawrence and Anna (Powers)
28 Armand Leo Quesnel	Leo and Evelyn (Murray)
25 Lucille Muriel Desmarais	Albert and Irene (Pouliot)
31 Kathleen Mahon	Thomas and Stella (Kraucunas)

## August

8 Annette Yvonne Houle	Albert and Helene (Frechette)
20 Barbara Bokoski	William and Antoinette (Proroczok)
25 Carol Brown	Kenneth and Marjorie (Roy)
28 Joseph Manoel Sousa	Joseph and Helen (Tebeau)

## September

6 ——— Armstrong	Adam and Dorothea (Carney)
6 Walter Normand Chamberland	Walter and Lillian (Bacon)
9 Virginia Belle Rhodes	Eugene and Jane (Streeter)
17 Kenneth Albert Mowry	Clifford and Josephine (Ankiewicz)
23 Nicholas Charles Vass	Julian and Maybelle (Drury)
25 Michael Labrecque	George and Cecile (Beauregard)
27 ——— Landry	Emile and Rachel (Payeur)
27 Roland Roma Dalpe	Sylvio and Helene (Marchand)

## October

1 Richard Ernest Tuttle	David and Lillian (Armstrong)
5 Robert Joseph Gelinas	Delphis and Adelie (L'Heureux)
12 Loretta Christina Shirley	Russell and Dolores (Kipp)
14 Bernadette Cecile Hebert	Florea and Jeannette (Houle)

## November

2 Dennis Francis Roy	Henry and Nellie (Murray)
6 Roger Ernest Rattie	Ernest and Helvette (Gingras)
9 Paulette Gloria Paulhus	Albert and Clara (Richard)

## December

11 Jacqueline Adrienne Dalpe	Donat and Phyllis (Bilodeau)
17 ——— Arcand	Wilfrid and Lillian (Bernier)
20 Emile Arthur Fagnant	Joseph and Cora (Belval)



# MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1944

Date	Name	Residence	Married by:
January			
7	Wilfrid B. Dufresne	Bellingham	George W. Dana, J. of P.
	Edna Boudreau	Bellingham	in Franklin, Mass.
8	Remi Gagnon	Bellingham	Rev. Eugene Durocher,
	Louise Thiverge	Woonsocket, R. I.	Priest, in Woonsocket, R. I.
8	Arthur O. Rattie	Bellingham	Rev. Andre Massicotte in
	Clara R. Lavallee	Woonsocket, R. I.	Woonsocket, R. I.
29	Arthur E. White	Bellingham	Rev. John D. Laida,
	Marian I. Barrows	Bellingham	Minister, in Bellingham
February			
12	Leonard G. Lakeman	Bellingham	Rev. Raymond DallaPorta,
	Sylvian Lucca	Milford	Priest, in Milford.
19	Eddie M. Callegaro	Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. Clarence R. Boucher,
	Helen R. Collamati	Bellingham	Priest, in Bellingham
19	Frank Devoto	Bellingham	Rev. L. Fitzimmons, in
	Rose Urrico	Woonsocket, R. I.	Ashford, Conn.
March			
9	Leo G. Tebeau	Bellingham	Rev. John Lawler, Priest,
	Dorothy L. Gardner	Uxbridge, Mass.	in Medway, Mass.
10	Alfred L. Desrochers	Bellingham	Rev. Clarence R. Boucher,
	Mary Evelyn Garriepy	Bellingham	Priest, in Bellingham
April			
22	John O. Picard	Bellingham	Rev. Charles B. Moisan,
	Irene D. Fontaine	Bellingham	Priest, in Bellingham
29	Alfred E. Godin, Jr.	Bellingham	Rev. Clarence R. Boucher,
	Mildred F. Brooks	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
May			
27	Fidele Lagace	Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. Charles B. Moisan,
	Corinne M. Bonin	Bellingham	Priest, in Bellingham
June			
3	Richard B. Gilfoyle	Milford	Rev. Timothy Gleason,
	Edith T. Camp	Bellingham	Priest, in Medway
24	John P. Phillips	New York, N. Y.	Rev. D. Leschishin,
	Stasia Kosubinski	Bellingham	Priest, in Woonsocket, R. I.
21	Armand Gagne	Bellingham	Rev. Roland Guertin,
	Rolande Guertin	Woonsocket, R. I.	Priest, in Woonsocket, R. I.
July			
15	Joseph Alekandorwicz	Bellingham	Rev. F. Miklaszeski, Priest,
	Lucy L. Kendzierski	Woonsocket, R. I.	in Woonsocket, R. I.
15	John H. Armstrong	Lincoln, R. I.	Rev. Charles B. Moisan,
	Theresa C. Gentes	Bellingham	Priest, in Bellingham

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| 22 | Emile H. Nault      | Woonsocket, R. I. | Rev. Charles B. Moisan,   |
|    | Doris L. Bergeron   | Bellingham        | Priest, in Bellingham     |
| 29 | Richard A. Demers   | Woonsocket, R. I. | Rev. Clarence R. Boucher, |
|    | Lucille D. Belanger | Bellingham        | Priest, in Bellingham.    |

## August

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|----|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 12 | Frederick A. Herman | Bellingham        | Rev. Ernest Forster, Min-  |
|    | Isabel S. Fricker   | Milford           | ister, in Hopedale, Mass.  |
| 12 | Normand Leduc       | Woonsocket, R. I. | Rev. Timothy Gleason,      |
|    | Wanda Duquesnay     | Bellingham        | Priest, in Bellingham.     |
| 12 | Albert C. Lopes     | Woonsocket, R. I. | Rev. Charles B. Moisan,    |
|    | Florence B. Johnson | Bellingham        | Priest, Bellingham.        |
| 12 | Mario Bianchi       | Providence, R. I. | Rev. Giacomo Buffo, Priest |
|    | Violet M. McCarthy  | Bellingham        | in Providence, R. I.       |

## September

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|----|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 2  | Richard L. Tucker      | Bellingham        | Rev. Russell Clinchy, Min-   |
|    | Edith M. Crooks        | Hartford, Conn.   | ister, in Hartford, Conn.    |
| 2  | Wilfrid H. Larochelle  | Bellingham        | Rev. Henri Lefebvre,         |
|    | Jeanne D'Arc Paquette  | W'nsocket, R. I.  | Priest, in Woonsocket, R. I. |
| 2  | Gerald A. Gosselin     | Bellingham        | Rev. Norman Meunier,         |
|    | Doris C. Bourdon       | Woonsocket, R. I. | Priest, in Woonsocket, R. I. |
| 23 | Stephen Nadolny        | Bellingham        | Rev. Timothy Gleason,        |
|    | Lucille P. Michalowski | Bellingham        | Priest, in Bellingham.       |

## October

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|----|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 14 | Lionel R. Trudeau    | Bellingham | Rev. Clarence R. Boucher, |
|    | Constance T. Godin   | Bellingham | Priest, in Bellingham.    |
| 28 | James E. Dore        | Bellingham | Rev. Timothy Gleason,     |
|    | Frances S. Crochunas | Franklin   | Priest, in Bellingham.    |

## November

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|----|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 18 | Victor S. Kwiatkowski | W'nsocket, R. I.  | Rev. Clarence R. Boucher,    |
|    | Marie-Therese Houde   | Bellingham        | Priest, in Bellingham        |
| 30 | Fred Bardell          | Bellingham        | Rev. Normand Meunier,        |
|    | Lucille Parent        | Woonsocket, R. I. | Priest, Bellingham, Mass.    |
| 30 | Gerard L. Hebert      | Bellingham        | Rev. Thomas Monahan,         |
|    | Grace U. Victory      | Woonsocket, R. I. | Priest, in Woonsocket, R. I. |

## December

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|----|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2  | Charles J. Marchand | Bellingham        | Rev. Clarence R. Boucher,   |
|    | Gertrude L. Rivet   | Woonsocket, R. I. | in Woonsocket, R. I.        |
| 8  | Ansel L. Kempton    | Bellingham        | Rev. Percy Clark in         |
|    | Mabel A. Binks      | Bellingham        | Milford, Mass.              |
| 9  | Donald F. Smith     | Bellingham        | Rev. Thomas Carberry in     |
|    | Anita M. Demers     | Milford           | Milford, Mass.              |
| 28 | William A. Pleau    | Bellingham        | Rev. Francis Shea in        |
|    | Marjorie U. Baker   | Medfield, Mass.   | Medfield, Mass.             |
| 31 | Arthur A. Verrier   | Bellingham        | Charles W. Gould, J. of P., |
|    | Helen G. Aldrich    | Bellingham        | in Milford, Mass.           |
| 31 | Lewis H. Holmes     | Upton, Mass.      | Rev. Lester Morris in       |
|    | Eileen L. Sanford   | Bellingham        | Milford, Mass.              |

# DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1944

Date	Name	Age	Cause
January			
2	Anna E. Dobbie	45	Cerebral hemorrhage
9	Harris Cook	71	Coronary sclerosis
February			
5	Dora Barrette	57	Carcinoma of stomach
7	Joseph H. Desmond	74	Pulmonary Edema
10	Samuel Richard	66	Acute dilation of heart
13	Alfred Roy	5	
7	Marie Poulin	86	Senility
March			
23	James Tyndall	69	Lung abscess
April			
6	Cornelius M. Dore, Sr.	52	Heart disease
13	Herve Casavant	50	Diabetes
18	Dolores Thibeault	48	Carcinoma of Intestines
16	Maurice E. Roberts	48	Coronary Thrombosis
May			
19	George Fields	74	Stomach ulcers
21	Jessica Loya	65	Chronic Myocarditis
31	Patrick Breen	83	Senility
June			
4	Stillborn		
22	Charles A. Simpson	91	Hernia
30	Mary Fricker	87	Chronic Myocarditis
July			
10	Leandre Thibodeau	80	Myocarditis
18	Joseph St. John	72	Carcinoma
31	Olga Simeoni	19	Accidental drowning
24	John J. Mahon	68	Cancer



## August

2	Mary T. O'Rourke	70	Coronary Thrombosis
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## September

2	Rosalia Bozek	51	Pericarditis
26	Ellen Smith	80	Cerebral hemorrhage

## October

23	Michael H. Murphy	60	Myocarditis
26	Alexander Sawyer	78	Myocarditis

## November

21	Edmond Debigare	83	Appendicitis
27	Andrew Bozek	60	Gun-shot wounds

## December

15	Patrick F. Allen	74	Heart Disease
23	Lucy Butman Wilbur	77	Intestinal Obstruction

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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The Board of Registrars, composed of Harland E. Cook, Michael F. Ryan, Arthur M. Leclair, and Clerk Leo A. Gosselin, held sessions for the registration of voters in 1944 as follows:

Town Hall: Feb. 23, April 5, June 21, and Oct. 18.

North Bellingham Schoolhouse: Feb. 18, June 21, Oct. 13.

South Bellingham Community Building: Feb. 18, June 21, Oct. 13.

Sessions were also held for the tabulation of the votes for the Town Election, Presidential Primaries, State Primaries, and State Election; and sessions were held on March 13 for the recount of votes for Town Treasurer and Selectmen, and on Dec. 7 for the recount of votes for State Attorney-General.

### Number of Registered and Enrolled Voters

	December 31, 1944			Total
	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	
Precinct No. 1	122	116	171	409
Precinct No. 2	131	61	136	328
Precinct No. 3	379	138	406	923
	—	—	—	—
Total	632	315	713	1660

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### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1944

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Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 63,159.72
Auditor's Adjustment	1,147.62
Receipts 1944	330,953.94
	————— \$395,261.28
Expenditures	\$361,801.53
Auditor's Adjustments	72.25
	————— \$361,873.78
Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 33,381.50

LEO A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 1, 1945.

Board of Selectmen,  
Dear sirs:

As Chief of Police I hereby submit the report of my department for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Complaints received and investigated	360
(20 of these were automobile accidents, 2 fatal	
( 9 suffered minor injuries, 5 killed.)	
Summons served for out of town police departments	13
Arrests made for out of town police departments	2
Arrests made for:	
Adultery	4
Assault and battery	2
Indecent assault	1
Breaking and entering, and larceny	3
Delinquency, (3 were out of state)	6
Driving so as to endanger life	4
Driving under the influence of liquor	3
Drunkenness	3
Setting fires in open without permit	1
Larceny	6
Neglect of children	2
Installing wires without permit (electric)	1
Non Support	3
Motor Vehicles violations	8
Taken to Foxboro State Institution	1

I want to thank the police officers and the Board of Selectmen for the co-operation that they have given me the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FLEUETTE,  
Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

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January 1, 1945.

Board of Selectmen,  
Dear Sirs:

As Dog Officer I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944:

Complaints received and investigated	74
Stray dogs confined, killed and buried	26
Dogs killed request of owners	9
Persons bitten by dogs	7

Owners of property, damage by dogs	7
Eligible for damage, from the County	3
Dogs hit by autos	12
Dead	7
Cats killed request of owners	2
Dogs killed for destroying property	2
Owners notified to pay dog licenses	15
All dogs should be licensed by April 1st.	

Respectfully submitted,

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE,  
Dog Officer.

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### REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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January 14, 1945

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Fire Warden, I hereby wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1944:

Alarms answered by the fire apparatus were as follows:

Building Fires	8
Chimney Fires	6
Automobile Fires	1
Forest and Brush Fires	36
Oil Stove Fires	1
	<hr/>
Total	52

The year was marked by a series of serious brush fires, most of which were caused by carelessness on the part of the people who maintained open air fires. The people who obtained permits for such fires should use the utmost of caution at all times, in keeping those fires under control.

To the Fire Departments of the surrounding towns and cities that assisted us during those emergencies I wish to express my sincere thanks.

Both departments operated at a handicap due to the lack of man power.



I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, my Deputies and all others of both departments for the splendid cooperation they have given me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WASYL KORNICKI,  
Chief of Fire Department.  
December 31, 1944.

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## REPORT OF THE BELLINGHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1944

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Bellingham Water Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report for the collection of water accounts during the period of Jan. 1, 1944, to Dec. 31, 1944:

Balance Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 2,369.42	
Warrants	11,907.98	
Services and Opening of Water	359.90	
Auditors Adjustments	72.11	
		<hr/> \$14,709.41
Paid Treasurer	\$9,923.53	
Cash on Hand	1,753.59	
Abatements	429.76	
Balance	2,602.53	
		<hr/> \$14,709.41

WILLIAM GAUDETTE,  
Collector.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following report of the work on the various streets, is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1944:

### STREETS

The streets, in the spring, were in good condition. The usual scraping was done on all secondary roads both in the Spring and again in the Fall, and are now in condition to go through the Winter.

About the same amount of tar and oil was applied as of last year. Tar was applied on the following streets under Chapter 81: Center, Paine, Winter, Orchard, Arthur, Lake, Central Blvd., Wrentham Depot,

Maple, Blackstone, Pearl, Farm, California Avenue, and Nason Streets. Paine, Winter, Orchard, Arthur, and California Avenue was new construction. Brush has been cut on nearly all streets in town.

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Work under the above chapter was completed on the following streets: Pulaski Blvd., South Main, North Main, and Hartford Avenue.

## BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Considerable attention will be required this year on the above. The railings, particularly, on the bridges are in bad condition. This in a way was due to a small appropriation and the shortage of labor. The bridge on Maple Street needs to be re-planked, or a cement slab. We should appropriate at least \$300 for this work, due to the high cost of material.

## SNOW REMOVAL

During the Winter of 1944, there was very little snow, but plenty of ice on the various streets. We tried, by sanding, to help traffic as much as possible.

## EQUIPMENT

The equipment, considering the age, particularly the trucks, are in fair condition.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The town roller be put in condition.
2. The drainage on Westminster Street receive attention.
3. Drainage on Farm Street, at a certain point, namely from Granite Street to the residence of Albert Ober, be installed to eliminate a very bad condition on the hill.
4. Continue to tar at least two or three streets leading from Westminster Street each year.
5. Continue with mixed-in place work on North and South Main Streets under Chapter 90 Maintenance.
6. Recommend that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for maintenance work.
7. Construct the cut-off, so called, eliminating the sharp curve at Scott's. This work to be done in conjunction with State and County funds. Town's portion of the cost estimated about \$3,000. Some work has already started on the curve by erecting cement posts, and delineators placed about 20' apart. Also a large warning sign.

## POST WAR WORK

I have filed with the Emergency Public Works Commission of the Commonwealth, a Works Program, consisting of Highways, Bridges, Drainage, Public Buildings, Recreation, Sewer, and Water. Having in mind the construction of Paine Street, two new bridges on Wrentham Street, drainage at the South End of the town, and the extension of the water system, and secondary roads.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, my good wishes are extended to the members of your board; to Mr. Henry Rowe, the department engineer, and the men who have worked faithfully on the highway this past year.

Respectfully yours,

TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,  
Superintendent of Streets.

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK

Bellingham, Mass.  
Jan. 24, 1945.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I have inspected the dairy barns with the assistance of the State Inspector, H. T. Stowell, and find that while there seems to be a scarcity of bedding, conditions were generally satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

GIFFORD E. MARTIN,  
Inspector of Milk.

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Bellingham, Mass.,  
Jan. 24, 1945.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Bellingham for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Very little local slaughtering has been done—most of the animals have been sold alive and removed from the Town for slaughter at a licensed slaughter house.

Respectfully submitted,

GIFFORD E. MARTIN,  
Inspector of Slaughtering.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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Bellingham, Mass.,  
Jan. 24, 1945.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I have checked the ear-tag numbers of 402 cows which arrived in the Town of Bellingham from out of State and have registered them with the Division of Livestock Disease Control in Boston, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

GIFFORD E. MARTIN,  
Inspector of Animals.

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## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1944. All places of business in the town of Bellingham were visited by me after notification by public notice as the law requires, and also peddlers as to licenses.

Scales, measures, etc., sealed and adjusted:

Platform scales over 5,000 pounds adjusted and sealed	3
Counter scales under 100 pounds adjusted and sealed	1
Beam scales under 100 pounds adjusted and sealed	1
Spring scales under 100 pounds adjusted and sealed	7
Computing scales under 100 pounds adjusted and sealed	9
Avoirdupois weights adjusted and sealed	3
Liquid 1 gallon and under adjusted and sealed	1
Meters 1 inch inlet adjusted and sealed	21
Meters over 1 inch inlet adjusted and sealed	3
Pumps not sealed	5
Quantity measures on pumps	1

Respectfully submitted,

ANATOLE DEBIGARE,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.



## REPORT OF THE BELLINGHAM CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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The members of the Civilian Defense Committee in the Town of Bellingham were only called out a few times during 1944. As only one state-wide blackout and mobilization was called by the State Emergency Committee, the local organization, although still intact, did not hold any meetings.

During the hurricane scare which was only slightly felt in this town, the Civilian Defense Corps was alerted, to be ready if needed. A group of firemen under the direction of Wasyl Kornicki remained on duty for several hours, aiding and moving several stalled cars to less dangerous spots.

The Civilian Defense fire equipment which was loaned to the town by the Federal Government was placed in operation during the summer months when it was badly needed at several bad forest fires. The committee recommends that this department should be furnished with a truck large enough to pull the trailer pump, which is part of the equipment.

The Honor Roll which is located in the three sections of town, listing the names of the boys from Bellingham, is almost complete. The remaining names will be added as soon as they arrive from the manufacturer.

The following letter was received by the secretary, and it is hereby placed on record by the Civilian Defense Committee as a tribute to each and every citizen who contributed their services in any way.

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### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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18 Tremont St., Boston (8), October 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Locklin:

As a member of the Civilian Defense organization, you have given your time and effort in the service of the Commonwealth. We want to thank you for this, and on behalf of the people of Massachusetts, to express our appreciation for your self-sacrificing work.

Civilian Defense in this country began with the first Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, appointed in 1774. It was fitting, when war again threatened our security, that another Committee on Public Safety should be appointed to meet the emergency.

Through the work of this Committee, over four hundred thousand men and women of all ages and from every walk of life were organized and trained for the various duties of Civilian Defense. Civil protection was a necessary war insurance against the threat of enemy attack; the War Services rendered by Civilian Defense have been a significant contribution to the home-front war effort.

Of this great organization you were one. Your readiness for whatever war emergency arose, your willingness to sacrifice time and effort so that IF it happened here, your community would suffer a minimum of death, suffering and damage, will long survive as an example of voluntary service.

We are all thankful that the emergencies for which the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety was ready have not arisen. But your work has not been in vain.

Your military leaders have said repeatedly that only the knowledge that our home front forces were prepared permitted them to remove thousands of men from this country to the fighting front. They too have been high in their praise of the efforts you and your fellow citizens have contributed.

We would like to have you convey to each and all of your organization, so far as this is practicable, our thanks and appreciation for the job which has been done.

Massachusetts was among the first in Civilian Defense. You are among the ranks of the first citizens of our Commonwealth.

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL,  
Governor of the Commonwealth

J. W. FARLEY,  
Executive Director Massachusetts Committee  
on Public Safety.

Every member of the organization is ready, in the event of any emergency, to arise and perform his duty.

PAUL ROBIDOUX, Chairman  
FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN, Secretary.

## REPORT OF BELLINGHAM SERVICEMEN'S FUND COMMITTEE

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A group of citizens in the Town of Bellingham met in the Town Hall during the month of August, and formed a committee to be known as the "Bellingham Servicemen's Fund Committee." The object of this group is to raise a fund to be used for full benefit of all the town's boys in the service.

The following officers were voted into office:

Chairman—Walter Leblanc.

Vice Chairman—James Yates.

Secretary—Francis G. Locklin.

Treasurer—Leo A. Murray.

Trustees—Paul Robidoux, Walter Lewinski, Edward Reid, Fabian Chamberland, Domenic Depietro, Michael Smith.

This group has sponsored several parties, which were very successful financially. Over 300 persons were served at a spaghetti supper held in the Town Hall. Plans have been made to hold several parties during 1945.

At the present time the total fund amounts to over \$600. It is hoped that this fund will be a great deal more when this conflict is over.

All townspeople are to be reminded that there is still time to join this organization whose aim is to welcome home our Bellingham boys.

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN,

Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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To the citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library present the following report:

The Board of Trustees organized for the year 1944 with Kathryn Garriepy, chairman, Helena Hiltz, secretary, and Marie P. Cooke, librarian.

Ethel Cook at the Crook's Corner Branch and Thelma Lakeman at the North Bellingham deposit, Hartford Avenue.

The total circulation for the year was not as large as before the war. We have to consider the fact everyone possible is working

in some defence plant or otherwise and have little time for leisure reading.

The Trustees extend their sincere thanks to all of the employees of the Library and the townspeople for the continuance of their cordial cooperation in this important town work.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA HILTZ,  
Secretary.

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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To the Trustees of the Free Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1944, is herewith presented.

The main library has been open the usual number of days with an average circulation of 104 books a day. The total circulation including that of the Crooks' Corner Branch and the North Bellingham deposit was 6,380 volumes. As in case of most libraries throughout the country the adult circulation has declined owing to the extra demands on time and strength due to war conditions.

This year Mrs. Ethel Spencer is acting as substitute afternoons as I find it necessary to work.

The cooperation of teachers has been much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE P. COOKE,  
Librarian.

### BOOKS ADDED FROM JANUARY 1, 1944, TO DECEMBER 1, 1944

#### Classified Books

Andrew Jackson .....	James
Burma Surgeon .....	Seagraves
Bulwark of the Republic .....	Hendrick
Baby Manual .....	Bundesen
Connecticut Yankee .....	Cross
D Day .....	Gunther
Emperor's Physician .....	Perkins
First Woman Doctor .....	Baker
God is My Co-Pilot .....	Scott
Hajji Baba of Ispaham .....	Morier



Jezebel the Jeep .....	Downey
Letters Home .....	Curtiss
Leonard Do Vinci .....	Vallentin
McGraw of the Giants .....	Graham
New Frontiers of the Mind .....	Rhine
Pepita .....	West
Pilots, Man Your Planes .....	Mason
Swords and Sails in the Philippines .....	Sowers
The Arts .....	Van Loon
The Bible and the Common Reader .....	Chase
The Apostle .....	
The Nile .....	Ludwig
Under Cover .....	Carlson
Winston Churchill .....	Kraus
Yankee From Olympus .....	Bower

#### Adult Fiction

A Sounding Trumpet .....	Tharp
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn .....	Smith
After a Fashion .....	Hall
All in Good Time .....	Allis
Archibald the Great .....	Kelland
Anchorage .....	Bassett
Butterfly Takes Command .....	Waite
Collected Works of Mrs. Peter Willoughby .....	Plummer
Corner of Heaven .....	Norris
Chinese Shawl .....	Wentworth
Careless Rapture .....	Randell
Calamity Town .....	Queen
Courage Storet .....	Raine
Dr. Parrish Resident .....	Thompson
Fourways .....	Colver
Farther North .....	Pinkerton
Girl Interne .....	Seifert
Give Us This Day .....	Taber
Hotel Berlin .....	Baum
Hearthstone in the Wilderness .....	Berry
Homers Hill .....	Hayes
Hearts Haven .....	Bassett
It's Always Tomorrow .....	St. John
Jill Movie Maker .....	Aldis
Jenny Delvin .....	Kerr
Ladies Now and Then .....	Fairfax
Liberty Street .....	Morris
Leave Her to Heaven .....	Williams
Lost Island .....	Hall
More Than Conqueror .....	Hill
My Friend Flicka .....	O'Hara

New Rivers Calling .....	Hendryx
Philosophers Holiday .....	Edman
Razor's Edge .....	Maugham
Sally; Army Dietitian .....	Worthington
So Long Ago .....	Smith
Sandra Mitchell Stands By .....	Johnson
Sea Magic .....	Bassett
Some Follow the Sea .....	Felsen
Separate Star .....	Erdman
Thunderhead .....	O'Hara
Tides of Mount St. Michel .....	Vercel
Time for Each Other .....	Runbeck
Trumpet to Arms .....	Lancaster
The Robe .....	Douglas
They Shall Come Again .....	Mitchell
Tomorrow is Forever .....	Bristow
There Was An Old Woman .....	Queen
White Tulip .....	Girvan
Winter Wheat .....	Walker
Wind in Sahara .....	Bodley
Wilderness Trek .....	Grey
What Became of Anna Bolton .....	Bromfield
With Malice Toward Some .....	Halsey

### Children's Books

American Twins of the Revolution .....	Perkins
American Twins of 1812 .....	Perkins
Adventures of Grandfather Frog .....	Burgess
Adventures of Buster Bear .....	Burgess
Adventures of Johnny Skunk .....	Burgess
Adventures of Peter Cottontail .....	Burgess
Adventures of Reddy Fox .....	Burgess
Adventures of Danny Meadow Mouse .....	Burgess
Adventures of Johnny Chuck .....	Burgess
Adventures of Johnny Chuck .....	Burgess
Adventures of Bobby Coon .....	Burgess
A Bee in Her Bonnet .....	Kristoffersen
Andries .....	Van Stockum
A Ring and a Riddle .....	Ilin
Boat Children of Canton .....	Ward
Canute Whistlewinks .....	Topelius
Carol on Broadway .....	Boylston
Cave Twins .....	Perkins
Colonial Twins of Virginia .....	Perkins
Chinese Twins .....	Perkins
Down, Down the Mountain .....	Credle
Dorinda .....	Howard
Dutch Twins .....	Perkins

French Twins .....	Perkins
Filipino Twins .....	Perkins
Farm Twins .....	Perkins
Folklore Stories .....	Wilke
Far from Marlborough Street .....	Philbrook
Gigi—Story of a Merry Go Round .....	Foster
Gloucester Joe .....	Crane
High Prairie .....	Havinghurst
Here Comes Pete .....	Clymer
Island on the Beam .....	Blackstock
Indian Twins .....	Perkins
Irish Twins .....	Perkins
Italian Twins .....	Perkins
Journey to Health Land .....	Adress
Japanese Twins .....	Perkins
Logging Chance .....	Lasher
Land We Live On .....	Fenton
Making New Friends .....	Horn
Midnight and Jeremiah .....	North
Nah-Wee .....	Moon
New Paths to Reading 1-2-3 .....	Cordth
Plainclothes Patricia .....	Urmston
Return of Silver Chief .....	O'Brien
Kari .....	Scott
My Life in Russia .....	Fischer
Mary Poppins .....	Travers
Mexican Twins .....	Perkins
Old Friends and New .....	Pennell
Peter .....	Yershov
Pioneer Twins .....	Perkins
Ringtail .....	Crew
Readers 1-2-3 .....	Field
Silver for Washington .....	Meadowcroft
Steamboat Bill .....	Towsey
Thunderbolt House .....	Pease
Wags and Woofie .....	Aldrich
Willie Foxes Diary .....	Hilkene
Wenderly .....	Mallette
We Find Out .....	Craig
We Want to Know .....	Craig
Young Man of the House .....	Hunt
Youngest Wac Overseas .....	Bailey

#### Magazines

Dumb Animals, Good Housekeeping, Child Life, National News, Popular Mechanics.

#### Accessions

Volumes added by purchase

175

By gift	10	
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<b>Circulation</b>		
From Central Library	3000	
From Crooks' Corner Branch	2600	
From North Branch	780	
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<b>Loaned to Branches</b>		
To North Branch	150	
To Crooks' Corner Branch	350	
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#### Regulations

Free Public Library is open on Friday 12 a. m. to 4 p. m., 7:00 to 8:00 (legal holidays excepted) when the library opens on Thursday.

Branch Library at Crooks' Corner in the Community Building from 12:30 to 5:00 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. in charge of Ethel Cook.

North Bellingham Branch in the home of Thelma Lakeman, Hartford Avenue, North Bellingham, on Wednesday 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE P. COOKE,  
Librarian.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the citizens of Bellingham:

The Board of Selectmen, for the year 1944, was organized in March with Walter P. Lewinski, Edgar Wade, and Paul Robidoux comprising the board. Walter P. Lewinski was elected chairman of Selectmen, Chairman of the Board of Health, and Soldiers' Relief Agent.

David Tuttle was appointed Clerk of Selectmen Pro Tem. Michael Purich was appointed the Clerk of Selectmen at a later meeting.

Timothy Foley was appointed Superintendent of Highways, and under his supervision the town contracts on Chapters 81 and 90 were fulfilled. Detailed reports of work performed under his direction will be found elsewhere in this report.



Wasył Kornicki was appointed Chief of the Fire Department and under his supervision the cost of forest and domestic fires was kept to the minimum. Due to the labor situation, a hardship was created in fighting fires. Many of the forest fires fought could have been avoided if the public would cooperate and avoid lighting fires in dry weather. Town funds as well as valuable timber lands could be saved with this cooperation.

Police Chief Euclide Fleurette has kept the town in very good lawful order, having an efficient police force. This department had three deputy chiefs, one in each section of the town.

The Board of Health received complaints on 42 cases. Each case was investigated. Recommendations were made and followed. Conditions were found very much improved to the satisfaction of all. The two lagoons located at the state line which had been a source of very disagreeable odors, were permanently eliminated. The Board of Health appointed Dr. Harold Schenker as Board of Health doctor.

The Board of Selectmen recommended repairs to doors and locks at the South Community Building. Due to war conditions, materials for these repairs were not available, and thus these repairs were not finished.

The North Community Building was repaired to some degree. Some repairs are recommended to the inside of this building so that one large room would be available for assembly.

The Town Hall was repaired to some degree. New doors and some screens were installed. The overhang of the cellar was repaired and doors installed. Repairs were made to the heating plant.

All Soldiers' Relief cases, applied for, were investigated and taken care of.

The Selectmen recommend that all departments keep their requests down to a minimum.

All registered voters are requested to take interest in the Annual Town Meeting and attend said meeting. This meeting sets the tax rate, therefore it is to the advantage of all to attend this meeting and express opinions.

The Board of Selectmen wish to express their thanks to the various departments of the Town for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER P. LEWINSKI, Chairman  
EDGAR WADE  
PAUL ROBIDOUX

Selectmen of Bellingham.

MICHAEL PURICH, Clerk.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

### Division of Aid to Dependent Children

During the year of 1944, the Bellingham Bureau of Aid to Dependent Children aided a maximum of 6 cases with 9 children involved. The expenditure per case remained very nearly the same level as during 1943, however the monthly average caseload was at a lower level than in 1943. This resulted in a decrease in the total expenditures for the Department during the year. However the ratio between State and Federal Reimbursements and the Town's share of the expenditures was seriously disturbed because of the fact that the shrinkage in monthly caseload was among the cases that had a relatively high reimbursement amount of the total spent per case, and also by the fact that one case was particularly expensive during the year. These two factors caused a higher cost net to the town during the year and a correspondingly lower Federal and State Reimbursement figure. This factor can be readily explained as follows:

Federal Reimbursement one-half of first \$18.00 per case for first child, and one-half of \$12.00 for each other child.

The State Reimbursement is one-third of total expenditure per case.

Case with two children		Case with two children	
Total Paid	60.00	Total Paid	80.00
State Share	20.00	State Share	26.67
Federal Share	15.00	Federal Share	15.00
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Town Share	25.00	Town Share	38.33

Thus it can be readily seen that the higher the amount paid over the Federal reimbursement figure the greater the relative cost to the town. This factor explains the failure of the Town share to

decrease in proportion to the decrease in the total expenditures for the Department.

In the coming year it is anticipated that the cost for the Department will increase somewhat during 1945, in view of the fact that the highest caseload of the year of 1944 was in the last two months. In addition it is expected that the Board will have at least one more case during the year. There is also a possibility of the acquiring of cases out of World War 2. Thus it is necessary to have a reserve available to meet these cases if they should arise. If there should be any surplus in this account it can be carried over into the next year, and there will not be a need for spending as much in that period.

A breakdown of the expenses and reimbursements of the A. D. C. Department are as follows:

Balance January 1, 1944 .....	153.08
1944 Appropriation .....	2,500.00
Audit Transfer .....	327.00
Federal Reimbursement .....	558.00
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Total Available Funds .....	3,538.08
Less Total Expenses .....	2,762.90
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Transferred to General Fund .....	775.18
as balance .....	53.98
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Balance continued to Jan. 1, 1945 .....	721.20
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Total Expenditures .....	2,762.90
Less State Reimbursements .....	901.33
Less Federal Reimbursements .....	596.88
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Net Cost to Town .....	1,264.71
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Actual Reimbursements received in 1944:	
State .....	893.61
Federal .....	558.00
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Total .....	1,451.61

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## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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During the year of 1944 the Bellingham Bureau of Old Age Assistance aided 107 cases, and this figure represents a drop of 10 cases as compared with the previous year's total. One would naturally infer from this statement that the costs of the Department should have de-

creased somewhat from the prior year, but the contrary is true, and the Bellingham Bureau was faced with the highest total expenditure for the Department on record. The following is the explanation for this increase:

1) Though the total number of cases aided was less than in the prior year the average monthly caseload did not decrease in the same proportion because the cases were taken care of at a higher number of months per case than in the prior year. In other words each case averaged a longer time on the rolls, than in the prior year.

2) The compulsory Budget on Old Age Assistance was in operation for a full 12 months instead of 4 months as in the prior year, and this resulted in a sharp increase in the amounts paid cases per month, an increase which more than offset the children's contributions.

3) The Bureau had more rest home cases than in the prior year, and the average rate per case for this type of care increased during the year.

4) Hospitalizations were somewhat in excess of the prior year.

5) Medical care, medicine and similar care was in excess of the prior year.

6) The Federal participation in aid rendered decreased in ratio of dollars spent, as a result of the increased amount of aid rendered. The Federal Government participates in the first \$40.00 paid each case. Between 40 and 50 cases each month exceeded the \$40.00 per month, and this figure is the highest over a full year that the Bureau has faced. The Federal Reimbursements can be spent by the Department as soon as received, and this enables the Department to run on a smaller amount of funds than would be otherwise possible. If, however, the number of cases in excess of \$40.00 increases or the cost per case of this group increases during the year then the proportion of Federal Reimbursement per dollar decreases, and the Town must have more funds available to meet State and Town share of the costs of payroll. This factor was a very important cause of the increase during 1944.

The following is a breakdown of the expenses of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance:

Balance January 1, 1944 .....	380.20
Town Meeting Appropriation .....	27,000.00
Town Meeting Transfer .....	3,000.00
Federal Reimbursements during year .....	19,989.00
Audit Transfer .....	29.25
Refunds .....	121.80
Total Available funds .....	\$50,520.25



## Less Expenditures:

Payrolls .....	\$47,462.06	
Other Towns .....	42.67	
Administrative, etc. ....	1,455.90	
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Balance .....	1,559.52
Transfer to General Fund .....	21.60
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Balance Available for 1945 .....	1,537.92
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## Estimated Reimbursements from 1944 expenditures:

Federal Government .....	\$20,005.84
State Government .....	19,415.19
Other Towns .....	479.46

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\$39,900.49

Refunds for Transportation .....	159.00
Refunds Payrolls .....	121.80
Refund Individual .....	516.88

Total returnable to Town 1944 .....	40,698.17
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Total Expenditures .....	48,960.63
Less Funds Returnable to Town .....	40,698.17

Total Cost to the Town .....	\$ 8,262.46
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## Actual funds received during 1944:

Federal Government .....	\$19,989.00
State Government .....	19,034.79
Other Towns .....	250.77
Refunds Payrolls .....	121.80
Refunds Transportation .....	159.00
Refund Individual .....	516.88

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\$40,072.24

The Bellingham Bureau of Old Age Assistance finds it extremely difficult to predict the future course of Old Age Assistance payments. At present before the Legislature there are the following measures which will very seriously effect the Old Age Assistance Appropriations if they are passed:

- 1) A very sharp increase in the minimum amount of grant on Old Age.
- 2) The elimination of children's contribution, and their liability for support of parents.
- 3) Elimination of Citizenship requirement for Old Age Assistance.
- 4) Elimination of Settlement laws.

If any of the above measures are passed, the appropriation figures that the Bellingham Bureau have advanced are bound to be considerably in error, and a very sharp increase in Old Age Assistance expenditures can be expected.

Effective March 1, 1945, there was a budget change which will result in an increase in expenditures of about \$180.00 per month at the start and possibly \$2,400.00 per year.

The Bellingham Bureau is requesting the same amount as it had last year, namely \$30,000.00, but it wishes to express doubt that it will carry it through the coming year. In closing the Bureau feels that only with exceptional good fortune in 1945, can it hope to bring about a decrease in the Old Age expenditures.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TEMPORARY AID OR WELFARE

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During the year 1944 the Bellingham Board of Welfare aided through the regular channels 32 cases with 55 persons involved. The total expenditures for the Department were \$12,485.26. Out of this sum the Department spent \$313.50 for case in Medway and \$330.00 for case in Peabody. As a result for cases which are situated in Bellingham the Board paid \$11,841.76. This figure compares very favorably with that of \$13,700.00 spent on the same group of cases in Bellingham. This leaves the Bellingham Department in very favorable circumstances as compared with prior years, because the only known unpaid bill is one due another town for \$60.00 and this is in dispute. A breakdown of the actual costs of the department are as follows:

Total expenditures .....	\$12,485.26
Less out of town cases .....	643.50

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**\$11,841.76**

Less reimbursements, towns .....	665.87
Less State reimbursements .....	4,301.78

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Net cost to the town .....	\$ 6,874.11
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This figure for net cost to the Town is the lowest for many years. Among the cases aided were 14 State cases and 3 out of Town cases.

The actual reimbursements of the Department are as follows during 1944:

State reimbursements .....	\$6,791.62
Out of town reimbursements .....	1,184.33

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Total reimbursements .....	\$7,975.95
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The total expenditures for the Town would be much lower if we did not have so many non-citizens on the Welfare rolls. Most of our cases on Welfare would be able to receive Old Age Assistance if they were citizens, and this would result in a very sharp decrease in the Welfare expenditures. Until this change occurs the Bellingham costs are bound to be higher than the average of most towns in this area. In spite of the above condition it is hoped that the cost of the Department will be lower than in 1944. The Bellingham Board is optimistic on this decrease, but as in past circumstances may develop which will prevent the same.

LEO A. STEARNS, Agent Board Welfare,  
 ROGER RUE, Chairman Board Welfare,  
 ROY ADAMS, Member Board Welfare,  
 FREDERICK WHALEN, Member of the Board of Welfare.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1944.

This report includes the statements required by the General Laws.

List of Receipts and Payments, in accordance with the books of the Division of Accounts. Lists of Town Indebtedness. List of Appropriations Made, Amounts. Purposes spent for and unexpended Balances, Unpaid Bills and Balance Sheet of December 31, 1944.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the assistance and co-operation of the various departments.

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN, Town Accountant.

### Expenditures for 1944

Department	Appropriation & Transfers	Disbursements
Moderator .....	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Selectmen .....	900.00	
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Disbursements		
Salaries .....	350.00	
Clerk .....	90.00	
Telephone .....	180.51	
Stamps and Stationery .....	79.90	
Travel Expenses .....	59.00	
Office Supplies .....	21.27	
Posting Warrants .....	30.00	

Dues .....	12.00	
Clerical Hire .....	17.60	
Advertising .....	20.00	
Miscellaneous .....	33.46	
	<hr/>	893.74
Accountant .....	600.00	
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Disbursements		
Salary .....	500.00	
Telephone .....	56.35	
Stamps .....	3.00	
Supplies .....	19.90	
Miscellaneous .....	20.75	
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Treasurer .....	1,200.00	
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Disbursements		
Salary .....	500.00	
Stamps and printing .....	141.05	
Telephone .....	53.26	
Supplies .....	73.06	
Land Fees .....	44.60	
Bonds .....	112.00	
Tax Title Expenses .....	265.50	
Dues .....	2.00	
Miscellaneous .....	8.53	
	<hr/>	1,200.00
Civilian Defense .....	810.81	
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Disbursements		
Honor Roll Name Plates .....	301.66	
Telephone .....	157.63	
Stamps .....	8.00	
Tin Salvage Drive .....	44.40	
Supplies .....	8.00	
Paper Salvage Drive .....	30.10	
Bond (Fire Equipment) .....	5.00	
Miscellaneous .....	39.75	
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Town Clerk .....	650.00	
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Disbursements		
Salary .....	400.00	
Supplies .....	35.52	
Stamps and printing .....	25.50	



Telephone .....	45.53	
Bonds .....	7.50	
Miscellaneous Fees .....	133.00	
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Tax Collector .....	1,650.00	
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## Disbursements

Salary .....	1,000.00	
Bonds .....	233.88	
Supplies .....	19.26	
Stamps and printing .....	141.50	
Deed Fees .....	187.06	
Telephone .....	9.54	
Recording Fees .....	42.00	
Miscellaneous .....	12.00	
	<hr/>	1,645.24

Legal .....	315.00	
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## Disbursements

Counsel Service .....		314.10
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Assessors .....	1,950.00	
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## Disbursements

Salaries .....	1,475.35	
Clerk .....	150.00	
Supplies .....	61.76	
Stamps .....	3.87	
Dues .....	3.00	
Recording Fees .....	148.53	
Telephone .....	23.93	
Car Hire .....	83.25	
	<hr/>	1,949.69

Town Hall .....	4,435.00	
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## Disbursements

Janitor .....	848.00	
Telephone .....	289.72	
Electric .....	305.29	
Water .....	42.03	
New Doors .....	120.00	
Town Barn Heating .....	1,895.38	
Supplies .....	188.22	
Fuel .....	534.20	
Engineer's Report .....	35.00	

Screens .....	32.00	
Insurance .....	88.95	
Repairs .....	29.74	
	<hr/>	4,408.53
North Community Building .....	500.00	
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Disbursements		
Janitor .....	265.00	
Supplies .....	37.07	
Electricity .....	12.00	
Painting .....	86.60	
Telephone .....	20.73	
Stove .....	40.00	
Water .....	7.50	
Fuel .....	18.00	
	<hr/>	486.90
South Community Building .....	1,150.00	
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Disbursements		
Janitor .....	265.00	
Electricity .....	47.52	
Water .....	16.83	
Telephone .....	49.53	
Insurance .....	92.50	
Supplies .....	39.13	
Fuel .....	334.39	
Repairs and Labor .....	28.95	
	<hr/>	873.85
Election and Registration .....	930.00	
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Disbursements		
Salaries .....	180.00	
Supplies .....	21.00	
Printing .....	145.60	
Election Officials .....	502.28	
Listing Names .....	65.00	
Advertising .....	3.36	
	<hr/>	917.24

### Protection

Police .....	3,650.00	
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Disbursements		
Salary .....	1,855.00	
Car Expenses .....	530.00	

Telephone .....	182.17	
Dues .....	8.00	
Supplies .....	60.96	
Special Officers .....	498.25	
Stamps and Stationery .....	32.05	
Equipment .....	112.50	
Dog Officer .....	50.00	
Gas .....	48.32	
Lockup Rent .....	75.00	
Legal Advice .....	15.00	
Miscellaneous .....	17.59	
Paint (Highway Lines) .....	165.00	
		<u>3,649.84</u>
Fires .....	2,000.00	
		<u>                    </u>
Disbursements		
Chief Salary .....	500.00	
Telephone .....	86.05	
Electricity .....	64.94	
Callmen .....	771.26	
Gas and Repairs .....	229.34	
Supplies .....	26.93	
Insurance .....	120.00	
Heating System .....	200.00	
		<u>1,998.52</u>
Forest Fires .....	4,767.20	
		<u>                    </u>
Disbursements		
Salary Chief .....	300.00	
Gas and Repairs .....	157.67	
Dues .....	5.00	
Heating System .....	200.00	
Callmen .....	3,942.16	
Supplies .....	36.70	
Insurance .....	120.00	
Telephone .....	5.67	
		<u>4,767.20</u>
Tree Warden .....	200.00	
		<u>                    </u>
Disbursements		
Labor .....		199.60
Moth Department .....	100.00	
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## Disbursements

Labor .....	99.90
Sealer of Weights .....	100.00

## Disbursements

Salary .....	80.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	20.00
	100.00

## Schools

Schools .....	54,000.00
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Disbursements .....	53,915.92
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See School Report for Breakdown

South School Repairs .....	5,000.00
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## Disbursements

Contractor .....	2,589.90
Advertising .....	4.48
	2,594.38

## Charities

Welfare .....	12,500.00
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## Disbursements

Clerk .....	1,058.75
Board Salaries .....	173.00
Cash .....	3,171.88
Telephones .....	108.23
Rent .....	861.00
Groceries .....	2,564.14
Medical .....	2,744.36
Fuel .....	364.44
Electricity .....	33.97
Shoes .....	87.75
Miscellaneous .....	56.97
Clothing .....	95.97
Printing and stamps .....	40.00
Ice .....	17.40
Funeral .....	100.00
Supplies .....	273.07
Other Towns .....	533.50
Traveling Expense .....	198.83

12,485.26



Old Age Assistance	App.....	50,520.25	
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Disbursements			
Cash and Medical .....		47,462.06	
Clerk .....		1,095.75	
Surplus Commodities .....		57.10	
Supplies .....		245.48	
Miscellaneous .....		57.57	
Town of Webster .....		42.67	
		<hr/>	48,960.63
Aid to Dependent Children .....		3,538.08	
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Disbursements			
Cash and Medicals .....		2,704.00	
Supplies .....		52.90	
Stamps .....		6.00	
		<hr/>	2,762.90
Soldiers' Relief .....		3,500.00	
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Disbursements			
Cash .....		1,961.50	
Travel .....		82.68	
Fuel .....		191.25	
Medical .....		214.34	
Care of Graves .....		25.00	
Miscellaneous .....		83.00	
		<hr/>	2,557.77
Old Age Assistance Adms .....		668.02	
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Disbursements			
Clerk's Travel Expense .....			668.02
<b>Interest</b>			
Interest .....		8,250.00	
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Disbursements			
Interest on Notes .....		6,980.16	
Disc Interest .....		311.26	
		<hr/>	7,291.42
Maturing Debt .....		24,000.00	
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Disbursements			
Notes Paid as Due .....			24,000.00

Damage to Persons and Property .....	600.00	
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Disbursements		
Cash .....	117.00	
Fuel .....	50.45	
Miscellaneous .....	37.00	
	<hr/>	204.45
Health .....	1,700.00	
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Disbursements		
Animal Inspection .....	250.00	
County Hospital .....	567.69	
Telephone .....	27.39	
Milford Nursing .....	600.00	
Medical Supplies .....	2.04	
Ambulance Hire .....	15.00	
Miscellaneous .....	102.72	
Slaughtering Inspection .....	25.00	
Clinic Service .....	40.00	
	<hr/>	1,629.84
Norfolk County Hospital .....	988.59	
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Disbursements		
County Hospital .....		988.59
Town Reports .....	380.85	
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Disbursements		
Printing of Town Reports .....		380.85
Town Hall Gas Stove .....	50.00	
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Disbursements		
Legion Post .....	28.00	
Gas Company .....	9.52	
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Water Department .....	6,000.00	
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Disbursements		
Superintendent .....	2,120.00	
Insurance .....	66.10	
Telephone .....	307.35	
Stamps .....	124.78	
Gas and Repairs .....	387.85	
Travel .....	320.00	
Electric .....	1,576.66	

Supplies .....	194.86	
Labor .....	193.18	
Miscellaneous .....	24.98	
Salaries of Commissioners .....	470.00	
	<hr/>	5,785.76
Machinery .....	3,172.51	
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Disbursements		
Insurance .....	190.50	
Gas and Repairs .....	2,345.43	
Machine Shop Repairs .....	158.95	
Supplies .....	45.47	
	<hr/>	2,740.35
Snow Removal .....	3,244.00	
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Disbursements		
Payroll .....	2,806.39	
Sand .....	353.21	
Supplies .....	55.70	
Telephone .....	12.50	
Repairs .....	10.20	
	<hr/>	3,238.00
Street Lighting .....	2,900.00	
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Disbursements		
Electricity .....		2,898.67
Cemetery .....	400.00	
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Disbursements		
Caretakers .....		400.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care .....		218.54
Income Tax Withholding .....		3,722.65
Highways Chapter 81 .....	11,104.00	
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Disbursements		
Labor .....	5,878.40	
Machinery Fund .....	974.25	
Material .....	3,628.31	
	<hr/>	10,480.96
Highways Chapter 90 .....	3,000.00	
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Disbursements		
Labor .....	968.85	

Machine Revenue .....	72.75	
Material .....	1,958.40	
		<u>3,000.00</u>
Bridges and Railings .....	150.00	
		<u>150.00</u>
Disbursements		
Labor .....	72.00	
Supplies .....	69.06	
		<u>141.06</u>
Signs .....	50.00	
		<u>50.00</u>
Disbursements		
Labor .....	28.80	
Supplies .....	18.46	
		<u>47.26</u>
Highway Special .....	150.00	
		<u>150.00</u>
Disbursements		
Labor .....	84.80	
Telephone .....	38.61	
Material .....	26.38	
		<u>149.79</u>
Certifying Notes .....	20.00	
		<u>20.00</u>
Disbursements .....		12.00
Revenue Loans .....		125,000.00
Unpaid Bills .....	6,569.87	
		<u>6,569.87</u>
Disbursements (Department)		
Fire .....	257.61	
Police .....	193.35	
Water .....	104.51	
Highways .....	2,332.07	
Snow .....	350.90	
Defense .....	5.00	
Welfare .....	2,901.64	
Soldiers' Relief .....	154.10	
Town Hall .....	220.14	
Damage to Persons .....	6.94	
South Community Building .....	13.93	
Health .....	27.50	
		<u>6,567.69</u>
Memorial Day .....	300.00	
		<u>300.00</u>



Disbursements	
Flowers .....	103.40
Bugler .....	5.00
Travel Expense .....	35.00
Supplies .....	66.83
Miscellaneous .....	65.00
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	275.23
Library .....	770.12
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Disbursements	
Payroll .....	408.20
Insurance .....	41.85
Electricity .....	18.00
Fuel .....	34.00
Supplies .....	39.19
Books .....	141.19
Transportation of Books .....	21.50
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	703.93

#### Miscellaneous Expenses

Dog License Refund .....	3.00
Dog License to County .....	607.80
Tax Title Redp. Fund (to State) .....	3,350.00
County Tax .....	3,112.75
Audit Municipal Accounts .....	21.41
Parks Tax .....	116.51
State Tax .....	5,324.00
Refund Motor Vehicle Excise 1944 .....	7.28
Refund Real Estate 1944 .....	14.40
Refund Real Estate 1942 .....	25.00
Auditors Adj. ....	72.25
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	\$361,879.78
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#### RECEIPTS FOR 1944

##### Taxes (Prior Years)

1941 Real and Personal .....	\$ 91.90
1940 Real and Personal .....	21.60
1942 Real and Personal .....	6,370.02
1943 Real and Personal .....	20,441.70
1943 Poll .....	50.00
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	\$26,975.22

##### Current Taxes

1944 Real Estate .....	90,860.61
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1944 Personal .....	9,068.62	
1944 Poll .....	1,348.00	
		<hr/> 101,277.23

**Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes**

1942 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	13.78	
1943 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	335.33	
1944 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	3,678.13	
		<hr/> 3,987.24

**State Funds**

Meal Tax .....	919.19	
Income Tax .....	9,787.89	
Corporation Tax .....	6,756.17	
Settlement .....	7,466.42	
		<hr/> 24,929.67
Licenses .....	2,265.00	
Fines .....	158.00	
		<hr/> 2,423.00

**Grants**

Massachusetts School Training .....	120.84	
School Superintendent .....	1,052.80	
School Fund .....	6,334.47	
		<hr/> 7,508.11

**Highways**

Chapter 569 .....	5,087.73	
State and County .....	5,258.75	
Machinery Revenue .....	1,047.00	
		<hr/> 11,393.48

**Agency and Trust**

Dog Licenses .....	613.20	
Water Income .....	9,924.23	
		<hr/> 10,537.43

**Interest**

Deferred Interest .....	862.25	
Demands .....	13.30	
Tax Title Interest .....	269.73	
Tax Title Releases .....	32.00	
Excess Tax Title Interest Refund .....	52.16	
		<hr/> 1,229.44

**Charities**

O A A Transportation .....	\$ 159.00	
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O A A State .....	19,034.79	
O A A Refunds (Personal) .....	541.96	
O A A Refunds .....	121.80	
Welfare (Other Towns) .....	1,184.33	
Welfare State .....	6,791.62	
A D C (U S) .....	558.00	
O A A (U S) .....	19,989.00	
O A A Adms. Exp. ....	666.22	
A D C State .....	893.61	
A D C Adms .....	58.33	
	<hr/>	49,998.66

#### Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Refunds .....	217.61	
Sale of Steam Shovel .....	3,300.00	
Perpetual Care .....	335.69	
Dog Refund from County .....	595.12	
Sealer of Weights Fees .....	26.26	
Withholding Tax .....	3,720.40	
Sale of Town Truck .....	75.00	
Burial of Indigent Persons .....	100.00	
Support of Indigent Persons .....	185.00	
Tax Title Redemption Fund .....	3,139.38	
Auditor's Adjustment .....	1,135.60	
	<hr/>	12,830.06

#### Loans

Revenue Loans .....	75,000.00	
Highway Loan .....	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	79,000.00
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		\$330,953.94

#### Net Funded and Fixed Debt 1945

Net funded and fixed debt .....	\$263,980.00	\$
Library and Community Loan .....	3,000.00	
High School Building Loan .....	36,000.00	
Chapter 464, Acts of 1939 .....	1,000.00	
Municipal Relief 1939 .....	2,000.00	
Water Loan .....	530.00	
Water Bonds, W P A .....	44,000.00	
Water Bonds, P W A .....	165,000.00	
Municipal Relief 1941 .....	5,000.00	
Municipal Relief 1942 .....	2,000.00	
Tax Title Loan .....	1,450.00	
Highway Loan 1944 .....	4,000.00	
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	\$263,980.00	\$263,980.00

**Note's Part Payment to Be Made in 1945**

Library and Community Building Loan Due Aug. 1, 1945 . . . . .	\$ 1,000.00
High School Building Loan, Due Feb. 1, 1945 . . . . .	3,000.00
Chapter 464, Acts of 1939, Loan, Due Sept. 1, 1945 . . . . .	1,000.00
Municipal Relief 1939 Loan, Due Nov. 1, 1945 . . . . .	500.00
Water Loan, Due March 15, 1945 . . . . .	530.00
Water Bonds, W P A, Due March 1, 1945 . . . . .	2,000.00
Water Bonds, P W A, Due March 1, 1945 . . . . .	7,000.00
Municipal Relief 1941, Due July 1, 1945 . . . . .	1,000.00
Municipal Relief 1941, Due Nov. 1, 1945 . . . . .	500.00
Municipal Relief 1942, Due Dec. 20, 1945 . . . . .	1,000.00

To be raised . . . . .	\$17,530.00
Highway Loan 1944 (to be paid from reimbursements) . . . . .	\$ 4,000.00

**Trial Balance Year Ending December 30, 1944**

Cash . . . . .	\$ 33,381.50	\$
Counterfeit Money . . . . .	10.00	
Taxes of 1942 . . . . .	539.50	
Poll Tax 1943 . . . . .	6.00	
Taxes 1943 . . . . .	6,613.12	
Poll Tax 1944 . . . . .	130.00	
Personal Tax 1944 . . . . .	2,850.33	
Real Estate 1944 . . . . .	25,334.71	
M V Excise 1943 . . . . .	8.91	
M V Excise 1944 . . . . .	411.62	
Tax Titles . . . . .	5,102.02	
Tax Title Revenue . . . . .		5,102.02
Tax Title Possessions . . . . .	10,673.74	
Tax Title Possessions Revenue . . . . .		10,673.74
Water Income . . . . .	4,354.67	
Water Revenue . . . . .		4,324.67
Temporary Aid . . . . .	100.00	
Old Age Assistance . . . . .	1,829.65	
State Aid . . . . .	403.00	
Military Aid . . . . .	240.00	
Aid to Dependent Children . . . . .	28.42	
Departmental Revenue . . . . .		2,601.07
Excess and Deficiency . . . . .		26,431.13
M V Excise Revenue . . . . .		420.53
Old Age Assistance Recovery . . . . .		541.96
Tailings . . . . .		458.24
Income Tax Withholding . . . . .		992.55
Victory Tax . . . . .	1.00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans . . . . .		25,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund . . . . .		32.50
Tax Title Red. Fund . . . . .		78.65
Dog License (to County) . . . . .		5.40
Overlay Surplus . . . . .		322.02



Overlay 1937 .....	18.31	
Overlay 1938 .....	32.04	
Overlay 1931 .....	22.88	
Overlay 1933 .....	19.88	
Overlay 1934 .....	28.90	
Overlay 1935 .....	32.64	
Overlay 1936 .....	27.37	
Overlay 1940 .....		5.88
Overlay 1941 .....	10.52	
Overlay 1942 .....		333.91
Overlay 1943 .....		1,412.31
Overlay 1944 .....		2,801.02
Trust Funds .....	8,137.46	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....		8,137.46
Overdrafts 1943 Welfare .....	60.00	
Overdrafts 1942 W P A .....	445.60	
Sale of Steam Shovel .....		1,050.00
Aid to Highway Revenue (to pay note due)....		4,260.23
Tax Title Foreclosure Expense .....		480.00
Civilian Defense Fund .....		216.27
Repairing South School .....		2,405.62
Distributing 1944 Town Reports .....		50.00
Machinery Revenue .....		445.77
Aid to Dependent Children U S .....		731.20
Old Age Assistance U S .....		1,537.92
Aid to Dependent Children Administration ...	28.18	
Old Age Administration .....	.10	
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	\$100,882.07	\$100,882.07

# **REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**

**For the Period From September 13, 1942, to May 7, 1944.**

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of  
Chapter 44, General Laws  
AUGUST 30, 1944

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
Division of Accounts  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

Henry F. Long, Commissioner

Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts

August 30, 1944.

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Mr. Walter P. Lewinski, Chairman,  
Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from September 13, 1942, to May 7, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

**THEODORE N. WADDELL,**  
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,  
Director of Accounts,  
Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from September 13, 1942, the date of the previous audit, to May 7, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as shown on the books and records of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the available records of the town accountant and with the records of the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. It was found that the town accountant's ledger accounts for the years 1942 and 1943 were not in balance, and detailed

checking with numerous correcting entries was required to balance the ledger. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection. The recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the disbursements as shown by the treasurer's books. The appropriations, transfers, and loans authorized were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings. There were not written authorizations or votes on file showing transfers by the finance committee from the reserve fund appropriated under authority of Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

The necessary ledger adjustments resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance, proving the accounts as adjusted to be in balance, was taken off, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on May 7, 1944, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The treasury warrants drawn by the town accountant, signed by the accountant and selectmen, and given to the treasurer as his authority to disburse town funds, were examined, checked, and listed. These warrants were found to have been carelessly prepared, with numerous changes and incorrect additions, the total amount of the warrant being seldom written in the space provided therefor.

The town clerk's records of financial votes passed by town meetings were examined and it was noted that appropriations have been voted from available funds in the treasury without stating either an amount or the specific source from which the funds were to be taken. The town cannot delegate to the accountant or other officials authority to determine the amounts of appropriations and the sources from which they are to be taken; in voting appropriations from available funds, the town meeting must specify the amounts to be provided and the definite source from which the appropriations are to be provided.

It was also noted that appropriations were voted for unpaid bills of prior years, and that such bills were paid without complying with the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, General Laws, which requires a four-fifths recorded vote at an annual town meeting and a nine-tenths vote at special town meeting. When an appropriation for old bills has been properly voted, payment may be made only after certificates have been filed with the selectmen stating under penalties of perjury that the goods, materials or services were ordered by an official or employe of the town and were delivered and actually received.

In checking the paid vouchers and payrolls on file, it was noted that an expenditure of \$2,151.87 was made in 1944, prior to the annual meeting, for heating part of the town barn by an extension of the town

hall heating system, no appropriated funds for such purpose having been available.

It was also noted that in 1942, 1943, and 1944 the highway department payrolls for the first few months of each year were charged to the snow removal appropriation, the town having provided no general highway appropriation to cover the wages of these employees. If a permanent force is to be employed, a general highway maintenance appropriation is necessary in order that payroll funds may be available during the period when Chapters 81 and 90 highway work is suspended.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book additions were verified. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the available records in the several departments in which money was collected for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the accountant's records as adjusted.

The treasurer has neglected to reconcile his bank statement since the previous audit, and in order to reconcile the bank balance with the statements furnished by the banks of deposit, it was necessary to compare the cancelled checks with the treasury warrants for the entire period covered by the audit.

As is evident from the appended table showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, there were numerous errors and omissions in entering receipts, and errors in payments as recorded on the cash book.

The adjusted cash balance on May 7, 1944, was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The additional work required to balance the accountant's ledger and to correct and reconcile the treasurer's cash added materially to the cost of the audit.

It is again recommended that the treasurer stop the irregular practice of depositing currency in his personal bank account, against which he later draws checks to transfer to the bank account, and that all cash receipts, as entered on the treasurer's cash book, be deposited in the town bank account at regular intervals.

The treasurer should reconcile his bank account at frequent intervals and at least monthly and should also record the bank balance in the cash register.



The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and were checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the cemetery funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the disbursements being verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred from the several tax levies to the tax title account were verified. The tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding at the date of the previous audit and all subsequent commitments were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants for their collection. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's and the accountant's books. The recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were checked with the records of the tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's ledger accounts as adjusted.

Verification of the outstanding tax accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. In response to these notices a reply was received from one person who claimed that the taxes in question were paid and this was acknowledged by and charged to the tax collector. The other replies received indicate that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses were verified and checked with the payments to the town and State. The cash balance on May 7, 1944, was in the town clerk's personal bank account.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the books and accounts of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash on hand was verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as a table showing the condition and transactions of the cemetery trust fund.

For the cooperation extended by the various town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted, ,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

# TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

BALANCE SHEET—May 7, 1944

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Cash:

In Banks and Office

Counterfeit Money Received by Treasurer

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1940—Property \$22.20  
Levy of 1941—Property 119.08  
Levy of 1942—Property 5,021.12  
Levy of 1943—Poll 20.00  
Levy of 1943—Property 17,194.48  
Levy of 1944—Poll 776.00

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1942 \$1.04  
Levy of 1943 282.35  
Levy of 1944 770.53

Tax Titles

Tax Possessions

Departmental:

Temporary Aid

Aid to Dependent Children

Old Age Assistance—State

Old Age Assistance—Cities

and Towns

State Aid

Military Aid

Water Rates

Revenue 1944:

Appropriations

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue, 1944

Federal Withholding Taxes

Tax Title Receipts Reserved for

Payment of Loan

Dog Licenses—Due County

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income

Overpayment to Treasurer to be refunded:

Taxes, 1940 \$25.00

Town Clerk—Dog Licenses 3.00

Tailings

Old Age Assistance Recovery

Highway Machinery Fund

Proceeds from Sale of Gasoline Shovel

Overestimate—State Parks and

Reservations, 1943

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children—

Assistance \$564.08

Old Age Assistance:

Assistance 7,008.02

Administration 109.20

Appropriation Balances

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1942 \$576.95

Levy of 1943 1,501.27

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

\$50,000.00  
419.00

289.27  
241.20  
32.50

28.00  
458.24  
541.96  
492.91  
3,300.00

3.40

7,681.30  
107,997.20  
322.02

2,078.22

Less—Poll Tax Commitment	\$1,764.00
Less—Estimated Receipts Col- lected	32,650.62
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	34,414.62
Underestimate—County Tax, 1943	
Overlay Deficits:	
Levy of 1931	\$22.88
Levy of 1933	19.88
Levy of 1934	28.90
Levy of 1935	32.64
Levy of 1936	27.37
Levy of 1937	18.31
Levy of 1938	32.04
Levy of 1940	66.35
Levy of 1941	527.42
Levy of 1944	96.00
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Excess Payments of Victory Tax Deductions	871.79
Overdrawn Accounts:	1.00
U. S. Grant Aid to Dependent Children—Administration	\$70.23
Welfare—1943	60.00
Snow Removal—1943	2,317.00
W.P.A.—1943	445.60
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	2,892.83
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	\$223,428.19



**DEBT ACCOUNTS**

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:			
Inside Limit	\$46,000.00	High School Loan	\$36,000.00
Outside Limit	228,330.00	Library and Community Building Loan	4,000.00
	<u>          </u>	Municipal Relief Loans	20,000.00
		Emergency Finance Loan	4,800.00
		Water Loans	209,530.00
			<u>          </u>
			\$274,330.00

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$8,137.46	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$8,137.46
	<u>\$8,137.46</u>		

## BELLINGHAM HONOR ROLL

In grateful appreciation

### THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

dedicates this Honor Roll to its sons and daughters  
who are serving in the  
Armed Forces of the United States.

The Town is proud of them, and glories in the knowledge that their  
individual efforts are contributing in the achievement of  
VICTORY FOR AMERICA

Dedicated to those who have answered the call to the colors, and to  
their families, this HONOR ROLL is a manifestation on the part of  
the community to remember the sacrifices and  
heroic deeds of its sons on world-wide battlefields.

#### Dead

EDWARD BALDIGA  
WALTER LENKTIS

ALBERT PREFONTAINE  
ARMAND LEVESQUE

#### AUGUSTO BOZZI

##### A

Alexander, Alfred  
Alexander, Edmund  
Alexander, Kasimir  
Ambler, Herbert, Jr  
Ambler, Elmer  
Antosh, Joseph  
Arnold, Herbert  
Archambault, Henry

##### B

Brown, Phyllis  
Boyle, Evelyn  
Baczuk, John  
Baglini, Augusto  
Baglini, Archimede  
Barrette, Paul G.  
Bates, Windsor  
Beauregard, Edgar  
Belisle, Normand  
Berry, Charles  
Bernier, Adelard  
Blais, Ovila  
Boiteau, Eugene  
Boiteau, Robert  
Boiteau, Bertrand  
Bokoski, Arthur  
Bokoski, Stephen

Bokoski, Victor  
Boyle, Edward  
Bonollo, Mario  
Bourcier, Victor  
Bower, Norman  
Bernier, Roland  
Boiteau, Maurice  
Bruneau, William  
Bilodeau, Edward  
Bozek, Fred  
Burness, John  
Buckley, William  
Breen, Daniel, Jr.  
Brennan, John  
Bibeault, Robert  
Bruce, Henry  
Brunetti, Lucien  
Bziukiewicz, Myron  
Brisson, Clement

##### C

Cartier, Ferdinand  
Cameron, Alexander, Jr.  
Cameron, Harold  
Cameron, Robert  
Camp, Richard  
Caron, Arthur  
Caron, Edgar

Cartier, Leo  
Cartier, Edward  
Carrier, Roland  
Carrier, Raymond  
Carrier, Lucien  
Campano, Joseph  
Cardinal, Roland  
Chamberland, Ovila  
Chamberland, Oscar  
Chamberland, Roland  
Chamberland, Edmond  
Chabot, Raymond  
Cook, Raymond  
Cook, Robert  
Cook, Willard  
Cook, Waldo, Jr.  
Cook, Wyman  
Collamati, Romeo  
Collamati, Joseph  
Croteau, Fernand  
Chapdelaine, Walter  
Cote, Aram  
Czofaj, Philip  
Curtis, Arthur, Jr.  
Callahan, John J.  
Curtis, Gordon

**D**

Desrochers, Alfred  
Desrochers, Della  
DeJony, Andor, Jr.  
Deneault, Alfred  
Deneault, Arthur, Jr.  
Dore, Cornelius, Jr.  
Dore, Brendon  
Dore, Edwin  
Dussault, Marcel  
Dupre, Robert  
Dufresne, Wilfrid, Jr.  
Drapeau, Robert  
Drowne, Harold  
Dussault, Normand  
Durocher, Joseph  
Desmarais, Albert  
Dussault, Maurice  
Dore, Margaret

**E**

Eldredge, Emerson  
Estes, Carl  
Estes, Ida

**F**

Fitzpatrick, Alfred  
Fitzpatrick, Charles  
Fitzpatrick, George  
Fabian, Stanley  
Fontaine, Normand  
Forget, William  
Forte, Vincent  
Forte, Virgilio  
Foley, William  
Froment, John, Jr.  
Froment, Leo

**G**

Gregoire, Gerard  
Granger, Doris  
Gagne, Lucien  
Gagne, Armand  
Galua, Alec  
Gallagher, James  
Gardner, James  
Gardner, Lawrence  
Garneau, Edgar A.  
Garneau, Edgar

Garneau, Harvey  
Garneau, Leo  
Garneau, Eugene F.  
Garneau, Eugene  
Garneau, Ernest P.  
Garneau, Ernest  
Gaudette, Leo  
Gelinas, Rodolphe  
Glockner, Robert  
Gaudini, Frank  
Godin, Alfred, Jr.  
Godin, Francis  
Godin, Leo  
Gosselin, Gerald  
Graves, Lloyd  
Graves, Elwin  
Glowka, William  
Guilbeault, Armand  
Guilbeault, Joseph  
Glockner, Martin

**H**

Hall, Benjamin  
Hall, William  
Harper, James  
Harper, Raymond  
Hobart, Aaron A.  
Houde, Leonard  
Houde, Gilbert  
Hillsgrove, Harry  
Harpin, Omer, Jr.  
Hogarth, Walter  
Hebert, Gerard

**J**

Jacks, Clinton  
Johnson, Wesley  
Joseph, Christian  
Joseph, Jacques

**K**

Kiernan, Henry  
Kennelly, William  
Knights, Chester  
Kornicki, Peter  
Kosubinsky, Michael  
Kosmesky, Peter  
Kozimor, Frank  
Krystalowicz, Wasyl

Kucharski, John  
Kucharski, Steven  
Kolosky, Stanley  
Kozaki, Joseph

**L**

Laime, Alfred  
Lamarque, Adrien  
Lamarque, Raynald  
Larochelle, Wilfred, Jr.  
Lariviere, Edgar  
Lariviere, Herve  
Larochelle, Normand  
Lataille, Lester  
Lataille, Normand  
Leblanc, Robert  
Leblanc, Adelard  
Leblanc, Reginald  
Leblanc, Edward  
Leclaire, Arthur, Jr.  
Leclaire, Lionel  
Lemire, Eugene  
Lemire, Raymond  
Levesque, Henry  
Leblanc, Wilfrid  
Lemoine, Roland  
Lemoine, Walter  
Levesque, Woodrow  
Levesque, Walter  
Lizotte, Albert  
Loya, Harry  
Lakeman, Leonard  
Lubash, Eugene  
Lavallee, Leo  
Loiselle, Gerard  
Lomberto, Anthony  
Lavallee, Wilfrid  
Leblanc, Maurice

**M**

Martel, Rene  
Marchand, Leo  
Marchand, Albert  
Marchionda, Mario  
Melrose, George  
Meotti, Otto, Jr.  
Mercure, Robert  
Mercure, Edward  
Menard, Edgar

Mostek, Walter  
 Monterio, Francis  
 Moore, A. Leroy  
 Mowry, Herbert  
 Moore, Donald  
 Monty, Bernard  
 Murray, Joseph  
 Morgan, Edward  
 Mousseau, Edward  
 Michalowski, Kadzimez

## N

Nadolny, Stephen  
 Nadolny, Dominic  
 Nickerson, Donald

## O

Ouellette, Alfred  
 Ouellette, Theodore

## P

Poirier, Francis  
 Plouffe, Roland  
 Paquin, Ephrem  
 Paquin, Lionel  
 Palkovich, Russell  
 Pelland, Eugene  
 Pelland, Roland  
 Perreault, Charles  
 Patrick, Lewis  
 Phaneuf, Raymond  
 Picard, John  
 Pleau, William  
 Pleau, Bernard  
 Pleau, Harold  
 Pleau, Leo  
 Pouliot, Emile  
 Provincial, Firmin  
 Pratt, Walter  
 Prefontaine, Hervey  
 Precker, Arthur  
 Petrosky, Stephen, Jr.  
 Pratt, Edith  
 Pouliot, Herene

## R

Radlo, Walter  
 Radymski, Byron  
 Rattie, Arthur

Rattie, Emile  
 Rattie, Napoleon  
 Rattie, Valmore  
 Richer, Herve  
 Reid, Kenneth  
 Reid, Roy  
 Remillard, Lionel  
 Remillard, Bertrand  
 Remillard, Roger  
 Rhodes, Steven  
 Richard, George  
 Ridolfi, Russell  
 Rivard, Bertrand  
 Robertson, Arthur  
 Robidoux, Leo  
 Robidoux, Roland  
 Robillard, Armand  
 Rock, Earl  
 Rogers, Howard  
 Rogers, Earl  
 Roman, Theodore  
 Rondeau, Roland  
 Roy, Noel  
 Roy, Roland  
 Remillard, Arthur  
 Ridolfi, John  
 Raimond, George, Jr.  
 Reid, Wallace  
 Richard, Raymond

## S

Spencer, Albert  
 Skalubinski, Victor  
 Sauvageou, Leo  
 Sadowski, Edward  
 Sarasin, Charles  
 Sawicki, Joseph  
 Sawyer, Ernest  
 Smith, Michael  
 Smith, Donald  
 Smith, John  
 Smith, Levi  
 Spas, Joseph  
 Spas, Walter  
 Stafford, Laurence  
 Staples, George  
 Stockton, Thomas  
 Suranie, Mitchell  
 Sutherland, Eugene

Sweck, John  
 Szymanski, Stanley  
 Scott, Leroy  
 Struzik, Chester  
 Sweck, Romeo  
 Slavin, Edward  
 Starzak, Edward  
 Struzik, Frank  
 Staples, Halsey, Jr.

## T

Tebeau, Leo  
 Thayer, Howard  
 Trottier, Albert  
 Trottier, Leo  
 Trottier, Arthur  
 Trottier, Roland  
 Trudel, Roger  
 Trudel, Robert  
 Tucker, Melvin, Jr.  
 Tucker, Richard  
 Trudeau, Lionel  
 Tyndall, John  
 Tyndall, Grace  
 Tessier, Roger

## V

Vanasse, Robert

## W

Waszkiewicz, John  
 Wentzel, Walter  
 Whalen, Frederick, Jr.  
 Whalen, John  
 White, Arthur  
 White, William, Jr.  
 White, Carroll  
 White, Richard  
 White, Ernest  
 Whitehouse, Joseph  
 Wesolowski, Dominick  
 White, Edward  
 Woodman, Wilbur

## Y

Yates, James W.

## Z

Zajac, Stephen  
 Zanella, Fiorello  
 Zhawred, Nicholas



# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Jan. 1, 1944, to Dec. 31, 1944.

## POLL TAXES

### YEAR 1943

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944..... \$56.00

Paid Treasurer ..... \$50.00

Abated ..... 6.00

56.00

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 ..... None

### YEAR 1944

Committed in 1944 ..... \$1,780.00

Paid Treasurer ..... \$1,348.00

Abated ..... 296.00

1,644.00

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 ..... 136.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

### YEAR 1942

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 ..... \$13.78

Paid Treasurer ..... \$13.78

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 ..... None

### YEAR 1943

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 ..... 356.86

Committed in 1944 ..... 120.49

477.35

Paid Treasurer ..... 335.33

Abated ..... 134.02

469.35

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 ..... 8.00

### YEAR 1944

Committed in 1944 ..... \$4,075.25

Paid Treasurer ..... \$3,638.13

Abated ..... 29.99

3,668.12

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945..... 407.13

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

### YEAR 1942

Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 ..... 950.76

Paid Treasurer ..... 876.36

Abated .....	74.40	
	<hr/>	950.76
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		None
<b>YEAR 1943</b>		
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 .....		2,264.90
Paid Treasurer .....	1,580.12	
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		684.78
<b>YEAR 1944</b>		
Committed in 1944 .....		11,971.25
Paid Treasurer .....	9,068.62	
Abated .....	52.30	
	<hr/>	9,120.92
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		2,850.33

**REAL ESTATE TAXES**

<b>YEAR 1941</b>		
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 .....		119.08
Paid Treasurer .....	65.80	
Abated .....	53.28	
	<hr/>	119.08
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		None
<b>YEAR 1942</b>		
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 .....		6,715.30
Paid Treasurer .....	5,493.66	
Abated .....	168.64	
Tax Titles .....	513.50	
	<hr/>	6,175.80
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		539.50
<b>YEAR 1943</b>		
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1944 .....		24,511.23
Paid Treasurer .....	18,176.80	
Abated .....	141.76	
Tax Titles .....	264.33	
	<hr/>	18,582.89
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		5,928.34
<b>YEAR 1944</b>		
Committed in 1944 .....		117,525.60
Paid Treasurer .....	90,860.61	
Abated .....	1,330.28	
	<hr/>	92,190.89
Outstanding on Jan. 1, 1945 .....		25,334.71

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. GOSSELIN,  
Tax Collector.

**TOWN WARRANT****COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham:      Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, on

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1945

at 12:00 o'clock noon,  
for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

MODERATOR, for a term of one year.  
TOWN CLERK, for a term of one year.  
TOWN TREASURER, for a term of one year.  
THREE SELECTMEN, for a term of one year.  
ASSESSOR OF TAXES, for a term of three years.  
COLLECTOR OF TAXES, for a term of one year.  
WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years.  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of three years.  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE MEMBER, for a term of three years.  
TREE WARDEN, for a term of one year.  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of three years.  
FOUR CONSTABLES, for a term of one year.  
TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES, for a term of three years.

POLLS WILL OPEN AT 12:00 NOON and CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

**SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on  
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1945

at 8:00 P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Boards and other Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2 To vote appropriations for the following purposes, or act or to do anything in relation thereto:

Item 1. Moderator's Salary. Item 2. Finance Committee. Item 3. Selectmen's Department. Item 4. Accountant's Department. Item 5. Treasurer's Department. Item 6. Tax Collector's Department. Item 7.

Assessor's Department. Item 8. Certifying Notes. Item 9. Town Clerk's Department. Item 10. Election and Registrations. Item 11. Town Hall. Item 12. Community Buildings (2). Item 13. Police Department. Item 14. Fire Department. Item 15. Sealer of Weights and Measures. Item 16. Moth Extermination. Item 17. Tree Warden. Item 18. Forest Fires. Item 19. Health Department. Item 20. Maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital. Item 21. Highways, Chapter 81. Item 22. Bridges and Railings. Item 23. Snow Removal. Item 24. Signs and Guide Posts. Item 25. Street Lighting. Item 26. Public Welfare. Item 27. Aid to Dependent Children. Item 28. Old Age Assistance. Item 29. Soldiers' Relief. Item 30. School Department. Item 31. Library. Item 32. Printing Town Reports. Item 33. Memorial Day Committee. Item 34. Cemeteries. Item 35. Interest. Item 36. Reserve Fund. Item 37. Maturing Debt. Item 38. Damage to Persons and Property. Item 39. Highways, Chapter 90. Item 40. Legal Department. Item 41. Water Department. Item 42. Civilian Defense. Item 43. Highways Special.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44. General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for School athletics, including the improvements and maintenance of the High School Athletic Field; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow the sum of four thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to meet the expense for which reimbursement is to be made to the Town by the Department of the Public Works or the County Commissioners, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year from their dates as provided for in Section 6A of Chapter 44 General Laws (Ter Ed); and any debt or debts incurred under the article shall be discharged by the proceeds of such reimbursement.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay bills for various departments incurred in prior years but not paid, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Cut-Off on Scott's Curve, said sum to be used in conjunction with State and County Funds or act or do anything in relation thereto.



Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a truck chassis for fire equipment or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the 1945 State census, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of installing water mains along Wrentham Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Winter Street; or to act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to tar Irving and Elbow Streets; or to act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand at Bellingham this 5th day of Feb., 1945

WALTER P. LEWINSKI,  
EDGAR WADE  
PAUL ROBIDOUX,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS—TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

## Paid George McMasters for Care in 1944

Name	Deposited	Paid	Available for 1945
D. Adams .....	\$100.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Z. Bullard .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. P. Eaton .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
B. Benedict .....	40.00	.80	.80
S. Holbrook .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
L. A. Cook .....	25.00	.50	.50
P. Bryant .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
M. Metcalf .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
P. Partridge .....	30.00	.60	.60
C. Norcross .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
J. and A. P. Drake .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. H. Holbrook .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
G. D. Rockwood .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
J. Drake and W. Howes .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. W. Wales .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
V. Coombs .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
E. Dewing .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
Jarvis Cook .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eldridge Grant .....	100.00		5.50
Joseph Rockwood .....	100.00		4.72

## Paid to William Wales

Name	Deposited	Paid	Available for 1945
Charles Mason .....	\$200.00	\$6.00	\$17.09
Avery Cook .....	200.00	6.00	19.01
H. M. Cook .....	50.00	1.00	1.17
Nathan Cook .....	100.00	3.00	2.33
Hiram Crooks .....	100.00	2.50	2.44
Phoebe Sherman .....	100.00	3.00	2.76
C. W. Thayer .....	50.00	1.50	1.23
Willard Thayer .....	50.00	1.00	1.12
Marion A. White .....	50.00	1.00	1.26
Inez Bolton .....	50.00	1.00	1.20
Marcus Crooks .....	50.00	1.00	1.20
E. Barber .....	30.00	1.50	.74
E. L. Cook .....	500.00	2.00	2.01
Charlot R. Wilcox .....	200.00	2.00	2.01

## Paid to James Yates

Name	Deposited	Paid	Avail-
			able for 1945
Nathan Rockwood .....	\$50.00	\$2.03	\$1.00
Henry M. Rockwood .....	50.00	2.06	1.00
Eugene Webber .....	100.00	3.02	2.00
Sarah R. Drake .....	50.00		3.06
Eliab Holbrook .....	100.00	4.09	2.00
Edward H. and Walter Thayer .....	100.00	3.00	4.29
Lavina Taft .....	50.00	2.02	1.00
A. M. Clark .....	30.00	1.29	.60
Amos Keach .....	50.00	2.02	1.00
Alonzo N. Whitney .....	100.00	2.00	2.80
Charles P. Hancock .....	40.00		3.89
Lezzie A. Graves .....	100.00	5.00	19.79
Albert A. Hancock .....	100.00	4.03	2.01
Nathan Grant .....	60.00	2.44	1.20
Sullivan Bates .....	50.00	2.02	1.00
Thompson Thayer .....	25.00	5.00	15.82
Joseph Burr .....	100.00	7.00	2.93
George W. Blake .....	100.00	7.00	4.60
Irving Rhodes .....	70.00	1.40	1.40
Oliver W. Gardner .....	25.00	1.75	.50
Sabra J. Clark .....	50.00	3.02	1.00
Alvin Clark .....	50.00	2.06	1.00
William Thompson and Charles Cook .....	50.00	2.03	1.00
Addison Burr .....	50.00	2.00	1.02
Orlando Clark .....	250.00	2.06	5.00
Eli Pond .....	25.00	1.12	.50
Daniel Pickering .....	25.00	1.00	.50
Samuel Darling .....	50.00	2.02	1.02
Emma Chilson .....	100.00	4.05	2.00
C. L. Cushman, F. A. Smith and J. H. Eames .....	125.00	2.96	2.50
Adam Joslin and Richard Briggs .....	50.00	2.04	1.00
Ellis Lindskog .....	50.00	2.04	1.00
Charles F. Farrington .....	75.00	3.08	1.50
Olive Cushman .....	50.00	2.02	1.00
Calvin R. Rockwood .....	100.00	4.05	2.00
Benjamin E. Marble .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
Martin Rockwood .....	50.00	2.02	1.00
Ira Fisk .....	50.00		4.08
Fred Sherburn .....	50.00	3.02	1.00
Warren Lazell .....	37.50	1.50	.75
Nathan Sanburn .....	25.00	1.04	.50
Henry Young, Charles and George Thayer .....	75.00	3.03	1.50
Albert G. Burr .....	40.00	1.68	.80
Horatio Thayer .....	100.00	2.00	2.00
William O. Rhodes .....	40.00	1.64	.80

Aron Farrington .....	25.00	1.03	.50
Milton Holbrook .....	50.00	2.06	1.00
Henry Whitney .....	75.00	4.00	3.29
James A. Richardson .....	50.00	2.03	1.00
Adelbert Spalding .....	25.00		1.52
Mrs. Joseph Fisk .....	50.00	1.00	1.00
Dexter Whitney .....	75.00	5.00	10.46
Edwin Darling .....	50.00	2.02	1.00
George Sherburn .....	75.00	3.00	1.50
Dianna D. Spooner .....	75.00	3.00	1.50
Caleb Adams .....	75.00	3.00	1.53
Joseph Cross .....	50.00	2.04	1.00
David G. Jones .....	100.00	3.45	2.00
George A. Ellis .....	100.00	4.10	2.00
William S. Clark .....	100.00	5.00	4.52

The following amounts are deposited in Savings Bank in Special Accounts, the interest being added to the original amount on deposit, but is not available for use until accumulative date is reached.

Stephen A. Coombs .....	25.00	
	To accumulate until 1952	
Jessie Coombs .....	25.00	
	To accumulate until 1952	
Oak Hill Cemetery .....	500.00	
	To accumulate until 1977	

The records and Bank Books of the Cemetery Trust Funds are available for inspection any time at the Town Treasurer's Office. In past years I have noted that the Town Report as printed differs with Official Records on file at my Office. This has caused many false rumors to be circulated in reference to these and other Town Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. MURRAY,

Town Treasurer.



***ANNUAL REPORT***

of the

**School Committee**

**AND**

**Superintendent of Schools**

of the Town of

***Bellingham, Massachusetts***

for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31,

***1944***

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1944-1945

## School Committee

Name	Term Expires
Albert A. Boudreau, Chairman	.....Bellingham Center .....1947
Timothy E. Foley	.....North Bellingham .....1945
Kathryn E. Garriepy, Secretary	.....Bellingham Center .....1947
Lionel R. Trudeau, (U. S. Army)	.....R.F.D., #1, Woonsocket, R. I. ....1946
Stephen M. Petrosky, Jr., (U. S. Army)	.....R.F.D., #1, Woonsocket, R. I. ....1946

## Superintendent of Schools

Percey L. Rowe, Ed. M. Office: Bellingham Center School. The Superintendent may be seen at any time by appointment.  
Telephone: Office—Milford 152-4.

## List of Teachers

### HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Where Educated	Degree or Yrs. Attended	Subjects	Began Service
Harold Granger, Principal	.....Worcester Tech.	.....B. S.	Physical Education	.....1938
Mary L. McCooley	.....Pembroke College	.....B. A.	Science, Aeronautics	.....1941
Jeanne Mathieu	.....Regis College	.....B. S. Cum Laude	French, Latin, Guidance	.....1944
Mary Rose Addante	.....Fitchburg State Teachers College	B. S. E.	Commercial Education	.....1944
Louise Ballou	.....Emanuel College	.....B. A.	Mathematics	.....1944
Mary Downey	.....Emerson College	.....B. A.	English, Social Science	.....1944
Frances M. Westart (Resigned)	.....Framingham S. T. College	.....B. S. E.	English	.....1944
Gregory F. Rocha (Resigned)	.....Providence College	.....Ph. B.	Home Economics	.....1942
Constance Krasowska	.....R. I. College of Education	.....B. S.	Social Science	.....1944
T. Henry Murphy (Resigned)	.....Boston University	.....B. S.	Business Administration	.....1941
Walter R. Scanlon (Resigned)	.....Providence College	.....Ph. B.	Business Administration	.....1944
Edward F. Collins (U. S. Army)	.....Northwestern University	.....B. A.	Mathematics	.....1944
			Physical Education, Psychology	.....1941
			Radio Code, Aeronautics	

Bernice Rood (Resigned)	Boston University	B. S.	Commercial Education	1943
Shirley DeRoma (Resigned)	Boston University	A. M.	Social Science	1943
Veronica Riley (Resigned)	Mt. Holyoke	B. A.	English	1942

### SOUTH BELLINGHAM SCHOOL

Theodore Finnerty, Principal	Boston College	M. A.	Grade 7	1943
Elizabeth Sullivan	Worcester S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 6	1942
Agnes Fottler	Perry Kindergarten Normal	3	Grade 6	1944
Eileen M. Heffernan (Resigned)	Our Lady of the Elms College	B. A.	Grade 5	1942
Mildred Trafton	Gorham Normal School	2	Grade 4	1929
Esther DeAnellar (Resigned)	Bridgewater S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 3	1943
Lucy Tagariello	Salem S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 3	1944
Rose M. DeSimone (Resigned)	Salem S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 2	1942
Dorothy Coupe (Resigned)	R. I. College of Education	B. S. E.	Grade 2	1944
Maragaret Fottler	Perry Kindergarten Normal	3	Grade 1	1944
Pearl Cote (Resigned)	Bridgewater S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 1	1944

### BELLINGHAM CENTER SCHOOL

Christine Langley, Principal	Bridgewater S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grades 7-8	1943
Edith Purciello	Salem S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grades 5-6	1944
Lois Murray (Resigned)	R. I. College of Education	B. S. E.	Grades 5-6	1944
Elinor Bird (Resigned)	Worcester S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grades 5-6	1942
Marjorie Walsh	Lowell S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grades 3-4	1944
Margaret James (Resigned)	Southampton Teachers College	2	Grades 3-4	1943
Verita Robbins	Southampton, Eng.	2	Grades 1-2	1944
Mary Ward (Resigned)	Perry Kindergarten Normal	2	Grades 1-2	1941
	Fitchburg S. T. College	B. S. E.		

### NORTH BELLINGHAM SCHOOL

Alfred J. Crowley, Principal	Boston College	M. A.	Grades 7-8	1943
Marie Bromley (Resigned)	Bridgewater S. T. College	3	Grades 5-6	1943

Clara Macy .....	Summer Sessions, Hyannis .....	18 weeks	Grades 3-4 .....	1913
Isabella Murphy .....	Regis College .....	A. B.	Grades 1-2 .....	1936

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Harold L. Shenker, M. D. ....	Medway, Mass.
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### SCHOOL NURSES

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor .....	Milford District Nursing Association
Grace Moran, R. N., Assistant .....	Milford District Nursing Association
Josephine Ferruci, R. N., Assistant (Resigned) .....	Milford District Nursing Association
Telephone: Milford 862.	

### ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

The janitor of each building and the superintendent of schools.

### TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Johnson Bus Lines, Inc. ....	High School, Scott Hill, Rakeville, North and Center Routes
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### JANITORS

Leo DeRagon .....	High School .....	South Bellingham
Samuel DeRagon .....	South School .....	South Bellingham
Carlton Gaskill .....	Center School .....	Bellingham Center
Jeremiah O'Rourke .....	North School .....	North Bellingham



**CALENDAR FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1945 TO JUNE 1946****High School**

Open January 2, 1945	Close February 16, 1945
Open February 26, 1945	Close April 13, 1945
Open April 23, 1945	Close June 15, 1945
Graduation June 14, 1945	Commencement June 15, 1945
Open September 5, 1945	Close November 21, 1945
Open November 26, 1945	Close December 21, 1945
Open January 2, 1946	Close February 15, 1946
Open February 25, 1946	Close April 12, 1946
Open April 22, 1946	Close June 20, 1946

**Elementary Schools**

Open January 2, 1945	Close February 16, 1945
Open February 26, 1945	Close April 13, 1945
Open April 23, 1945	Close June 8, 1945
Open September 5, 1945	Close November 21, 1945
Open November 26, 1945	Close December 21, 1945
Open January 2, 1946	Close February 15, 1946
Open February 25, 1946	Close April 12, 1946
Open April 22, 1946	Close June 13, 1946

**HOLIDAYS**

Good Friday	March 30, 1945
Memorial Day	May 30, 1945
Columbus Day	October 12, 1945

**AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL**

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January 1st of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the Superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

**NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL**

At 7:15, 7:30, and 7:45, it will be broadcast over WNAC, WBZ, and WEAN. If there is no school in the morning, there shall be none in the afternoon.

In the event that schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, cold, or other severe weather) parents are requested to use their own judgment in regard to sending their children to school.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the Year Ending, December 31, 1944**

General Appropriation	\$54,000.00
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Total Expenditures	53,915.92
Unexpended Balance	\$ 84.08

**Reimbursements**

General School Fund, Part I	5,653.20
General School Fund, Part II	6,334.47
Superintendent's Salary	1,052.80
Trade School	120.84
State Wards	1,982.90
Total	\$15,144.21

**Taxation Cost of Schools**

Total Expenditures	53,912.92
Total Reimbursements	15,144.21
Net Cost of Taxation	\$38,768.71

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

School Committee Expenses	\$ 175.00
Superintendent's Salary	1,468.80
Superintendent's Expense	376.03
Supervisors' Salaries	600.00
Teachers' Salaries	29,765.81
Textbooks	605.73
School Supplies	756.69
Teachers' Retirement Board	47.25
Janitors' Wages	4,462.50
Fuel	4,938.89
Janitors' Supplies	461.42
Water	106.81
Electricity	698.55
Telephone	82.14
Repairs of Buildings	2,362.40
Health Service	745.38
Transportation	5,500.00
Tuition Vocational School	94.36
New Equipment	59.40
Insurance	608.76
Total	\$53,915.92

**South School Repair Fund**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Expenditures	2,594.38
Unexpended Balance	\$2,405.62

**Summary of Expenditures**

Sidewalls	\$1,500.00
Repair Bulge	278.00
Triple Windows	132.00
Outside Painting	344.50
Adv., Woonsocket Call	4.48
Conductors, Steps, Bulkhead	65.40
Inside Painting	270.00
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Total Expenditures	\$2,594.38

# AGE AND GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1944

Grade	Sex	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
I	M	11	16	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
	F	9	10	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
II	M	—	8	14	11	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
	F	—	7	9	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
III	M	—	—	10	10	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
	F	—	—	13	17	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	33
IV	M	—	—	—	9	14	7	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	39
	F	—	—	—	7	11	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	23
V	M	—	—	—	—	2	6	4	4	4	1	—	—	—	21
	F	—	—	—	—	5	12	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	25
VI	M	—	—	—	—	—	7	9	8	2	4	3	—	—	33
	F	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	10	4	—	—	—	—	22
VII	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	5	7	4	1	—	26
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	8	4	1	—	—	27
VIII	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	7	4	—	—	17
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	4	4	5	—	—	21
Total	M	11	24	32	31	24	24	23	23	15	19	11	1	—	238
	F	9	17	24	28	19	20	18	23	16	8	6	—	—	193
Grand Total															431

This age-grade enrollment chart includes the eighth grade in the High School.





**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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Bellingham, Mass.  
January 20, 1945.

To the School Committee of the Town of Bellingham:  
Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to submit for your consideration my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total school enrollment has shown a slight decrease over that of a year ago. The decrease has been more prevalent in the elementary grades than in the High School. In this respect, the enrollment seems to follow the general tendency in many towns and cities throughout the state. The High School enrollment is practically the same as it was last year.

Very satisfactory progress has been made in the regular program of studies throughout the year. The teaching of English is particularly stressed. In the lower grades, when new books and teaching materials were needed in reading, the newest editions were purchased. The Elson-Gray Reading System, which we use, has proved extremely satisfactory. The pre-induction training courses for older High School boys have been continued. The penmanship of the pupils in the Bellingham Schools is unusually good. For several years this has been under the supervision of the Rinehart Functional Handwriting System of Cambridge, who conduct the writing instruction in many cities and towns in Massachusetts. Realizing the value of courses of study in each subject, the teachers are now working on an outline for English. We hope to have it completed and in use by the end of the school year. The State Department of Education has been working for several years on courses for all subjects in the primary grades. When these are completed and put into the hands of the teachers, all pupils in all schools where they are used will be doing the same, or nearly the same, work.

There have been many changes in the teaching staff during the year 1944. These changes will be found in the School Directory under "List of Teachers." With the exception of the High School, the same Principals are in charge as last year. In March, Mr. Edward Collins, Principal of the High School, entered the U. S. Army, and Mr. Harold Granger of the High School faculty was made Principal. It will be noted from the "List of Teachers" that there were nineteen changes in a total teaching force of twenty-three. In several cases there have been as many as three different teachers for the same class. Only nine teachers have been retained from the previous year. This frequent change of teachers is very undesirable. It takes time for any new teacher to get accustomed to school routine, to learn the habits, attitudes, and skills of pupils, their capacity to learn, and their rate of learning. It has been extremely difficult to get teachers due to higher

salaries paid elsewhere. Our present staff is doing excellent work. The teachers who are with us from last year are doing their usual efficient job, and all new teachers are working hard and getting very good results. We have been fortunate, indeed, to secure such a capable and conscientious group.

In September and October, the pupils in the Bellingham Schools, together with the children in the twenty-nine other states where milkweed pods grow, took part in the collection of the pods. These pods when dried and processed are made into life jackets for the armed forces of the United States. The children in the schools collected a total of Fifty-three bags (bushel) which were shipped to Government Officials.

American Education Week was observed in all schools in November. Special days were set aside for visiting by parents in each school, and many visits were made. One of the greatest benefits resulted from the many parent-teacher conferences which were held. All parents are cordially invited to visit the schools at any time.

The pupils in all classrooms are regularly purchasing War Stamps and Bonds through the schools. Reports are obtained monthly from each building and sent to the Education Division of the War Finance Committee. Children should be encouraged to buy all they can. It teaches thrift and saving and helps greatly in financing the War.

The following table shows the amounts of War Stamps and Bonds purchased through the schools in 1944:

High School	\$2,350.80
South School	2,342.95
North School	894.90
Center School	594.95
Total	<hr/> \$6,183.60

The outstanding repair work accomplished during 1944 has been the work on the South School. A bad bulge on one side of the building has been eliminated. New sidewalls have been put on. Three new windows were installed in one classroom on the second floor, thereby increasing the efficiency of the lighting. The trimmings on the entire exterior of the building have been painted. New steps replace the old badly-worn ones, and work has been done on the gutters and water conductor pipes. At the present time the entire interior of the building is being painted. This work is nearly completed. Work remains to be finished on a new roof and on the cement walks leading to the building. There have been long delays in getting some materials, especially shingles, or the work would have been finished by early fall. First quality Johns-Manville siding was used on the sidewalls, and first quality Johns-Manville shingles are being used on the roof. All of this

work puts the South School in excellent condition with the exception of the heating plant, which should be renewed with one central heating system in place of the five separate units now in use.

Town water has been connected in the High School. This should prove to be less expensive, as the cost of the water used should be considerably less than the cost of the electricity required to run the pump. A much better water pressure is being maintained.

It has been necessary to do some plastering work in some of the rooms at the North School, and to repair or replace some basement windows and screens.

At the present time, the High School roof is leaking. This is causing damage to classrooms and the auditorium. The roof will have to be repaired at the earliest opportunity. Search for a bond which might take care of the cost of repairing has been unsuccessful.

Many new shades should be purchased for the South School this year.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your help and your cooperation during the school year. For the valuable assistance of the Principals, Teachers and Parents I am very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,  
Superintendent of Schools.

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#### REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Mr. Percy L. Rowe  
Superintendent of Schools  
Bellingham, Mass.  
Dear Mr. Rowe:

The following is my first annual report as principal of Bellingham High School.

The enrollment in the high school building as of October 1, 1944, was 164. This consisted of 28 seniors, 36 juniors, 35 sophomores, 44 freshmen and 21 in grade eight.

The program of studies remains approximately the same as last year except that some war training courses have been eliminated.



However, pre-induction training is given in conjunction with the regular classroom work. For this purpose, the length of the recitation period has been lengthened.

At the suggestion of First Service Command Headquarters the "Basic Field Manual" or "Soldiers Handbook" was distributed to all boys over 16 years of age to help them get ready for the anticipated change from civilian to military life.

Club activities have been continued on a curtailed basis because of the number of students working in the afternoon and evening in the neighboring factories. A great many of our pupils work from four to nine hours daily in the defense plants. While this contributes greatly to the war effort, it is not conducive to good study habits, therefore, their scholarship has been lowered by this outside employment.

It is regrettable that so many of our former teachers found it necessary to resign their positions in Bellingham for better paying positions elsewhere. This periodical change of teachers works to the disadvantage of the pupils and town as a whole.

The following changes in the teaching staff have been made: Miss Veronica Riley, Miss Marise DeRoma, Miss Bernice Rood, Mr. Walter Scanlon, and Mr. Henry Murphy all resigned in June, 1944. These teachers were replaced by Miss Mary Downey, Miss Louise Bal-lou, Miss Jeanne Mathieu, Miss Mary Addante, and Mr. Gregory Rocha. Since school opened in September Miss Frances Westart, our home economics teacher for two years, has resigned, and the services of Mr. Gregory Rocha were lost when he was inducted into the United States Navy. Our music supervisor, Mr. David Gellatly, also resigned, thus necessitating the elimination of the school orchestra. The glee clubs are now under the direction of Miss Mary Addante, the mathematics and science teacher.

As in former years, the senior class under the direction of Miss Mary McCooley will again publish the "Epilogue."

Since the installation of Town water there has been a noticeable improvement in the functioning of the plumbing facilities. This also eliminates the possibility of no water supply in the event the electric current is shut off.

We have resumed interscholastic athletics. For this purpose considerable work has been performed by the boys on the field in front of the school. We wish to thank all those who so generously donated trucks, tractors and other equipment that the youth of Bellingham might have a field of their own suitable for athletics. Much work remains to be done, but we hope to field a baseball team in the spring.

The basketball team has a schedule of seventeen games and already has won a large percentage of its games. The most successful season in history is expected.

This re-introduction of competitive athletics has helped noticeably to create better scholarship among the athletes and to instill better school spirit and civic pride in the student body as a whole. It is especially instrumental in welding the North, Center and South sections of the town into one solid unified group.

In November a magazine drive was conducted by the pupils for the purpose of raising money to help defray athletic and school costs. This drive was an overwhelming success because of the fine cooperation and generosity of the townspeople.

We wish to thank the American Legion, the Parent-Teacher's Association, and the School Committee for their support and aid.

In conclusion, may we thank you, Mr. Rowe, for your cooperation and constructive help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. GRANGER,

Principal.

# **BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL** Program of Studies 1944-1945

## **FIRST YEAR**

College Course		Commercial Course		General Course	
Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
English I	5	English I	5	English I	5
Algebra I	5	General Science	5	Civics	5
Latin I	5	Guidance	2	General Science	5
Guidance	2	Jr. Business Tr.	5	Guidance	2
General Science	5	Business Arith.	2½		
				Elective	
				History	5
				†Home Ec. I	5
				Latin I	5
				Jr. Business Tr.	5
				Mathematics I	5

## **SECOND YEAR**

College Course		Commercial Course		General Course	
Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
English II	5	English II	5	English II	5
Plane Geometry	5	History	5		
French I	5	Typewriting I	2½		
Latin II	5				
Elective		Elective		Elective	
Biology	5	Ec. Geography	5	†Home Ec. I-II	5
Typewriting I	2½	Biology	5	Biology	5

# French I-II

French I	5
Plane Geometry	5
Latin II	5
Typewriting I	2½

## THIRD YEAR

### College Course

Required	Credits
English III	5
French II	5
U. S. History	5

### Commercial Course

Required	Credits
English III	5
U. S. History	5
†Shorthand I	5
Typewriting II	2½
Bookkeeping I	5

### General Course

Required	Credits
English III	5
U. S. History	5

### Elective

Latin III	5
Typewriting II	2½
*Physics or Chem.	5
Algebra II	5
Aviation Science	5

### Elective

French II-III	5
Aviation Science	2½

### Elective

†Home Ec. I-II	5
French II	5
Typewriting II	2½
§Physics or Chem.	5
Aviation Sc.	5

## FOURTH YEAR

### College Course

Required	Credits
English IV	5

### Commercial Course

Required	Credits
English IV	5
Stenography	5
Typewriting III	2½
Bookkeeping II	5

### Technical Course

Required	Credits
English IV	5



Elective		Elective		Elective	
French III	5	Business Law	2½	†Home Ec. I-II	5
Math. III-IV	5	Economics	2½	Typewriting III	2½
*Physics or Chem.	5	French III	5	Economics	2½
Typewriting III	2½	Aviation Science	5	French III	5
Aviation Science	5			§Physics or Chem.	5
				Aviation Science	5

† Home Economics consists of the following: Foods I or II—2½ credits, Clothing I or II—2½ credits. A maximum of 5 points for Home Economics.

\* Physics or Chemistry must be taken in third or fourth year. In 1944-1945, Chemistry will be taught. In 1945-1946, Physics will be taught.

§ One year of Algebra is a prerequisite for Physics or Chemistry.

† One year of Typewriting is a prerequisite for Shorthand.

**SIXTH  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
of  
BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1944**

**HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Thursday, June 15, 1944

8:00 P. M.

**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS**

Joseph P. Marchand .....	President
Elizabeth F. Thomas .....	Vice President
Kathryn E. Feeney .....	Secretary
Joseph Petrosky .....	Treasurer

**CLASS MOTTO**

"Nothing Ventured—Nothing Gained"

**CLASS COLORS**

Maroon & Gold

**CLASS ADVISOR**

Mary L. McCooey

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Albert A. Boudreau, Chairman  
Mrs. Kathryn E. Garriepy, Secretary  
Timothy E. Foley  
Lionel R. Trudeau (U. S. Army)  
Stephen M. Petrosky, Jr. (U. S. Army)

**P R O G R A M**

Processional .....	Orchestra
Invocation .....	Rev. Charles B. Moisan
Salutatory .....	Jeanne E. Thayer
"When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver" .....	Girls' Glee Club
Selection .....	Orchestra
Awarding of Prizes .....	Albert A. Boudreau Bellingham School Committee
Special Legion Award .....	Edward M. Reid Americanization Officer, American Legion
"Roses from the South" .....	Girls' Glee Club
Address to Graduates .....	Judge William A. Murray
Presentation of Diplomas .....	Albert A. Boudreau
Valedictory .....	Elizabeth F. Thomas
Alma Mater .....	Class of 1944
Benediction .....	Rev. Charles B. Moisan
National Anthem .....	Assembly
Recessional .....	Class of 1944

**CLASS OF 1944**

Samuel Bagdasarian

Robert Austin Boudreau

John William Brown

Jeanne Margaret Buckley

Lillian Ann Daigle

Shirley Elizabeth Darling

Colleen Marie Delaney

Anna Frances Dobbie

Lucille Marie DuBois

Helen Marie Fabian

Kathryn Elizabeth Feeney

Veronica Terese Gariepy

Leo Edward Gaudette

Edward John Glowka

Phyllis Hannah

Lois Marie Knott

Mary Malashkevich

Joseph Paul Marchand

William Nicholson

Claire Irene Patrick

Joseph Petrosky

Pauline Edith Patrick

Lois Ella Pickering

Wallace Adams Reid

Roland Alfred Robidoux

Thea Lena Rotatori

Jacqueline Dolores Ruhland

Martha Elmira Sanborn

Jeanne Elizabeth Thayer

Elizabeth Frances Thomas

Jeanne Fedora Vaillant

**MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Bellingham, Mass.  
December 28, 1944.

Mr. Percy L. Rowe  
Superintendent of Schools  
Bellingham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my report of work done in music in the schools of Bellingham from January till June 1944.

Throughout the grades and high school the proper use of the sing-

ing voice has been taught. The pupils have been encouraged to sing without strain, and to use head tones.

In January, a "Music Festival" was presented in the high school auditorium. The program was given by groups representing all of the grades and high school.

In February, the high school students gave a "Revue of the Gay Nineties." Dressed in appropriate costumes they sang many of the familiar songs of that period.

The singing at the two graduation programs was very fine, and the work of the high school orchestra was particularly good.

In closing, I wish to thank all who have helped me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,  
Supervisor of Music.

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#### BELLINGHAM SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S REPORT FOR 1944

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Mr. Percy L. Rowe  
Superintendent of Schools  
Bellingham, Mass.  
Dear Mr. Rowe:

I herewith submit my report to you of the School examinations done in the Town of Bellingham for this fiscal year.

Total Bellingham school children examined, 515.  
Defects found as follows:

Enlarged Tonsils .....	146
Enlarged Cervical Glands .....	23
Defective Teeth .....	18
Defective Heart Condition .....	4
Defective Skin .....	5
Defective Nose Condition .....	4
Defective Ear Condition .....	4
Defective Eye Condition .....	3
Fallen Arches .....	2

Twenty boys were examined at my office for athletics, namely,



Basketball and all were found to be physically fit to participate in this sport.

On the whole the health of the school children of the Town of Bellingham is good. I do advise that the parents of the children receiving notices as to defects have them corrected so as to assure good health to their respective children.

In closing I want to thank you for your cooperation and also the teachers of the Schools. I want to thank the Misses Grady and Moran, R. N., for their cooperation and excellent assistance during these examinations.

Respectively submitted,

HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.,  
Physican to School Department,  
Town of Bellingham.

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#### BELLINGHAM SCHOOL NURSES' REPORT—1944

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To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,  
Superintendent of Schools.

May I present to you the Annual Report of School Nursing done in Bellingham for the year ending December 31, 1944.

The school nurse visited the various schools once a week when schools were in session.

The schedule was as follows, Monday afternoon North School, Wednesday afternoon Center School, and Friday afternoon South School.

The following is an account of the work done in the school buildings.

Cleanliness inspection of pupils .....	570
Classroom inspection of pupils .....	39
Pupils inspected for disease .....	970
Pupils excluded from school .....	72
Pupils treated for minor injuries .....	69
Pupils given advice .....	283
Health talks to classes .....	118
Home visits regarding pupils .....	223
Talks with teachers concerning pupils .....	344

All pupils were weighed and measured twice during the school year.

Projects in various health habits were worked on as well as the conducting of health habit drills in several classrooms.

The annual Toxoid Clinic for school and pre-school children was started in April and finished in June.

Forty-five children received the three protective doses with eighteen starting the series of treatments but did not finish.

In September, October and November the school nurse assisted Dr. Schenker with the annual physical examinations of the school pupils.

Dr. Schenker's report will be found elsewhere.

The following diseases were reported among the students and investigated.

Chicken-Pox, Measles, Whooping-Cough and Mumps.

Miss Josephine Ferrucci, School Nurse, resigned in August to be married and Miss Grace Moran is now doing the school nursing.

In closing may we thank Mr. Rowe, the teachers and all who have helped the nurses in any way this past school year.

Respectively submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, Supervisor  
GRACE MORAN, School Nurse

## TOWN OF BELLINGHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Thursday, June 8, 1944

At 2:30 o'clock

### Program of Graduation

1. Orchestral Selections
2. Processional ..... Graduating Class
3. Invocation ..... Rev. John D. Laida
4. Address of Welcome ..... Henry John Evers
5. Class Prophecy,
  - North ..... Richard C. Guyette
  - South ..... Beatrice Remillard

- Center ..... Omer E. Lussier
6. Class Will:
- Center ..... Carlton L. Patrick
- South ..... Lucille L. Pelland
- North ..... Rose Mary Potter
7. Song—"America, Beloved Land" ..... Graduates
8. Essay Awards ..... Mr. Edward Reid  
Americanization Officer, American Legion
9. Remarks ..... Mr. Percy L. Rowe  
Superintendent of Schools
10. Song—"Liberty's Creation" ..... Graduates
11. Address to the Graduates ..... Rev. Timothy Gleason
12. Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mrs. Kathryn E. Garriepy
13. Song—"Coast Guard Marching Song" ..... Graduates
14. Benediction ..... Rev. John D. Laida
15. "The Star Spangled Banner"
16. Recessional ..... Graduating Class

## BELLINGHAM EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES, 1944

### GRADUATES

Archambault, Lorraine Theresa	Mazdrachi, Vasilichia
Beaudreau, Vivian Muriel	McElman, Ann Elizabeth
Berardi, Ralph Louis	McMahon, Patricia Marie
Bergeron, Walter Leon	Mousseau, Lawrence Wilfred
Cook, Clarence George	Nicholson, Florence Marguerite
Cousineau, Roger Roland	Patrick, Carlton Leon
Cowen, Shirley Alyce	Pelland, Lucille Lillian
Crooks, Howard Elmer	Perreault, Muriel Yvonne
Duhaime, Constance Noella	Pickering, Mildred LaNeta
Evers, Harold Thomas	Potter, Rose Mary
Evers, Henry John	Pouliot, Alfred, Jr.,
Fawcett, Claudia June	Pouliot, Cecile Blanche
Fawcett, Joan Hattie	Rattie, Jeannette Lucille
Forte, Victor Hugo	Remillard, Beatrice Mary Ann
Garneau, Norman Edmund	Rotatori, Sergio Paul
Gaudini, Dino	Ruhland, Marguerite Blanche
Gelinas, Alice Mary	Schafer, Freda Tibbit
Glowka, Victor Joseph	Simmons, Walter James
Godin, Stella Gertrude	Stratman, Benjamin Leroy
Guyette, Richard Charles	Stratman, Phyllis Marie
Jastrzemski, Raymond John	Taylor, John Charles
Leclaire, Pauline Alice	Tower, Arlene Viola
Levitte, Donald Theodore	Trottier, Rita Pamela
Lussier Omer Ernest	Tuttle, Robert Donald
Marcet, Lucille Jeannette	Wilcox, Alberta Louise
	Winn, Albert William





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